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Bringing Ohio to the Nation

Read the statement below and answer the three questions listed. The statement is from a speech by attorney Wolsey Wells to welcome Governor Allen Trimble to Akron for opening of the Ohio and Erie Canal on July 3, 1827:

“The very spot where your excellency now stands, less than two years ago, was a thick forest. Now, sir, you may here behold comfortable, nay elegant dwellings, large stores and ware-houses, filled with the merchandise of foreign climates and the productions of our own and to complete and animate the picture, a busy population industriously pursuing all the various vocations of civilized life – and this interesting scene owes its very existence to the almost magic influence of yonder great work – internal improvement.”

- What makes this a primary source?
- Describe the writer of the text.
- What does this tell you about the trip down the canal?
- Is this picture a primary source? What does the picture show you?

