

The Ohio River, Kentucky's Northern Border

One of the biggest influences for our Federal Government was the Northern Border of Kentucky. President Thomas Jefferson sent Lewis and Clark on an expedition and one of the things that was mentioned when they came back was clearing the debris out of the Ohio River. The Ohio River was never deep enough, and history provided an answer, and fifty movable locks and dams were built. The dams were built to disappear during high water and go up just when the river got low. The dams gave industry the depth they needed to do business. Federal Employees staffed the lock and dams.

Industry came to the Ohio Valley. Iron ore was shipped up to Pittsburgh and steel pipe was shipped south down along the Ohio River. During the second world war industry-built war machines along the river. Oil came up the river and oil refineries were created along its banks. Jeff boat near Louisville built naval vessels and towing industry boats and barges.

The Ohio River was one reason the North won the war between the states, Lincoln's Armies controlled the river and made it easy to move its armies and commodities.

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One of the problems of the Ohio River is when the river rises the water backs up into city sewers and flushes them out thus cleaning the sewers of waste. The waste is incorporated into the water along the Ohio River and goes south and settles on bottom

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land along the Ohio River which is a plus for farmers but condemns the water on the Ohio River and spoils the fish with poison.