



NeSA Text Dependent Analysis (TDA)

2016 Practice Test Passage

Grade 6

Passage: Highway of Water

Rangefinding Packet

For January 2017 Workshops

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The author claims the Panama Canal is a phenomenon because it saves money time and possibly lives. Since the Pacific and Atlantic oceans is not the same, a system of locks help ships move from ocean to ocean. When the ship moves into a lock it is filled with millions of gallons of water. Water is pumped in or out of the lock. Then the ships go to a knew lock.14,000 ships make it through the 50 mile trip through the canal in a year.

There are many reasons why the Panama Canal is a phenomenon. One reason is, it would take only three months to travel from New York to California instead of eight. Severe weather, which is common at the tip of South America where the two oceans meet, could add as much as five extra months to the trip. The Canal helped people avoid this problem. The author states that in modern times, approximately 14,000 ships make the 50-mile trip through the canal each year. On average, the trip through the canal takes a ship 8 to 10 hours.

Time, money, and lives have been saved. For example, in the last paragraph the author states, Time, money, and possibly even lives have been saved as ships use the shorter route from ocean to ocean provided by the canal. These are the reasons why the Panama Canal is a phenomenon.

I think that the canal is a phenomenon because it helped people get goods across the country to other places. It said going around South America would've been 15,000 miles! But the canal took off about 8,000 miles. This canal was VERY significant and really helped to get goods and people to one place to another. This must've been a big event in 1913 because a lot of people showed up to see the first boat go through the locks. Also, I would think this is unusual, because at that time in the 1900s, stuff like this doesn't happen all the time. So in all, I do think the author is right when he says that the Panama Canal is a "Phenomenon", because it was very significant for all the boats and goods, it was a big event because lots of people came to see it, and this must've been an unusual event because stuff like this is not common and doesn't happen every day.

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The Panama Canal is an unusual event because it is hard to build a canal and most of the workers got sick or died because of diseases such as yellow fever and malaria. The US finished it later. They also had to build locks because the water levels were different.

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The author supports it by in paragraph 1, telling how Americans can travel from sea to a panama. And it was shallow enough to cross by foot. it was easier to get from place to place faster than using a wagon in the prairie. in paragraph 2 it talks about how the panama connected to the canal. The panama was 50 miles wide. And the pacific ocean is on the western side. And the Atlantic is on the eastern side. in paragraph 3, they are trying to put a canal across the panama. But they were having problems when construction began. in paragraph 4, they talk about how the canal is being continued and that the united states government paid \$40 million to France for the completed work, and banded equipment. In paragraph 5, the talk about how the canal was finished and completed well.

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The Panama canal is phenomenon because its a shorter route from ocean to ocean and its also a highway of water human-made. its unusual because it has a lock system unlike oceans. The locks hold millions of gallons of water. the locks are there because the Atlantic and pacific oceans do not have the same water levels so that's why the locks all have different water levels so the ship could go through all of the locks that have the same level as the ocean they are going to so they are the same level as the pacific or the Atlantic ocean. because of this evidence and facts I agree that the panama canal is phenomenon.

In the story , Highway of Water is about the making of the canal. In the beginning of the passage it tells me about different ways to get from one place to another and how long it took. Also the hazards of the trip like it was a 15,000 mile journey and the bad weather was common on the south tip of Africa and could add up to five extra months.

Later in the passage it told me about a way to fix this long journey . Along with that, came the idea of a canal. With this idea they would shorten the time of travel to 8,000 miles and would shorten the time to three months instead of eight months.

Then it told me when it was finished. In modern times , the ship could approximately the 14,000 ships and an average trip through the canal takes eight to ten hours.

The reason why the canal is a phenomenon is because it quickened the way of transportation and took about half the time as if going around the south tip of Africa. Also saved time , money, and possibly even lives because of the canal.

The Panama is a Pheneonam because it takes less time to get to New York from California. It helps save more time because If it wasnt there you would have to travel all the way around south amreica to get to newyork to California.And it takes less money to go from California to newyork because If you go all the way around its going to take more fuel oil and many more naturl resourses. And Its less peppol will die couse it takes less time cause if you go around theres going to be more dangourse you can get sea sick you can chatch a dessease or your ship could crash and you will have to go through more bad wheather.

“The Panama Canal, a highway of water, is a phenomenon.” Is what the author states in the story and I would have to agree to him myself. It is a phenomenon because it has helped people over the ages to get to other countries.

One reason for why its a phenomenon is because it helps get across the sea faster. One example is that it would take people 15,000 miles from New York to California. It is now 8,000 miles shorter because of the Panama Canal.

Another Reason is that it helps ships out when they are sailing in the ocean. It levels out the ocean waters so a ship can sail right on through. It would have about 2-3 locks where one would open or close. Water would fill up your section and would raise the water so you can go through.

The last reason is that The U.S. and France had agreed that \$250,000 would go to the Panama Canal every year so that it can stay here for many years to come.

The Panama Canal is a phenoomenon to me thats for sure but maybe not to you. I just wish that the Panama Canal will last forever.

I think that the author claims the Panama Canal is a phenomenon because the canal is a highway made out of water and it helped save time and lots of money. When the Americans did not have the Canal they would have to pass through dangerous places. One example is if they go by wagon they can face dangerous prairie land. The canal also saved lives like it saved workers from getting a disease so they can keep them healthy and focused on the task that they were completing. The canal saves lots of time because it gets there faster and more efficient. Also it is better than a ship because it can move people from one place to the other and goods, so it is not as dangerous. The United States paid millions of money for a better way for people to get from place to place safer. The Canal had a system of locks because the water level for the Pacific and Atlantic oceans are not the same so they built locks and gates in the canal. This helps it because it can move from one ocean to the other.

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The author used the word phenomenon because in the last line of the text it said "the panama canal a highway of water is a phenomenon"

It is unique because the captain doesn't have to steer the ship. The water level of the pacific and Atlantic oceans are different, so a system of locks and gates was built to keep water from flowing on the ships.

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The author said that the Panama canal was a big phenomenon because the people who builded the canal have probably passed away and the author was probably not born yet so they can not tell real facts about the things that happened during the building of the canal and how long it took to build it and how mny people died

My reasons why I think this way is because it can not take up to 10. hours to get one ship through the canal.my second reason is because it can not take up to 100 years to build one canal its basically a long tube full of water for goods and people to travel from one place to another place.

*Its a **phenomenon** because no one has ever saw such a sight. Phenomenon: an unusual or significant fact or event. So when the U.S finally finished the canal and lock, everyone cheered! the only reason we finished this **phenomenon** sight is because France workers got yellow fever and other sickness. We made sure are workers were healthy and fit to finish what most people use today.*

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I think that the author can support his claim because, the United States finished the Panama Canal due to France abandoning it. The weather and death rates were a big bad impact on the Panama Canal leading the idea of abandonment for France.

An example of a phenomenon is it turned out working after a few precautions the took to their workers, so they wouldn't get sick. Now with the new way of getting around less people would get sick or die because the canal was faster than a boat. For example "The travel time could be three months instead of eight months."

Another example of a phenomenon is that in the treaty the United States payed \$10 million for only a 10-mile spread, and they had to pay \$250,000 on top of that for each year for use of its land, and ensured it's independence. That's why I think it's a phenomenon and that's why the author supports his claim.

The author claims that the Panama Canal is a phenomenon because it says in the 1800s you had to go around but now since there's a canal you don't have to go around. It states that the canal saved lives and saved ships so the canal was a great invention it helps in many ways. The Panama Canal has system locks and gates built in it because the water level in the Atlantic ocean is not the same as the Pacific ocean. The locks can move from one boat to another boat. The lock is a giant box made of concrete. They have to pass through three locks at least. You had three choices in 1849 you could go by wagon across America. You could travel by sea to Panama by foot then finish traveling by sailing. The third choice is to board a ship in New York for California. The route led to the Atlantic coast around the Southern tip of America. The Panama Canal travel time was three months instead of eight months. The canal was started by Ferdinand Lesseps and was finished by the U.S Congress. The canal was a lot of money. But we had people that helped pay for the canal. As you can see the Panama Canal is very helpful but it is a phenomenon.

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talked about how the panama would take you to new York to California for the way to be shorter, it was about 8,000 miles shorter than sailing around south America. the travel time would have 3 months but it took them 8 months. in 1879 the canal started being built by France. Problems started when construction started. it rained every day and the soil was to sloppy and heavy to work with. there was a lot of illness such as yellow fever and malaria that caused death to majority of the workers. in 1899 France abandoned there project. the congress decide to finish the canal. the government paid franc 40 billion dollars for there work.an engineer decided that they should build hospitals for the sick people who were ill. there working conditions were getting g more and more sanitary. the ship must pass threw three locks . then it rises or lowers the ships. by 1913 nearly complete. it took months for the canal to fill up. on September 26,1913 an old tug boat made it threw with no problems. ships now use shorter route from ocean to ocean and they save lots of time because of a canal.

The Panama Canal is important in many ways. Three ways are that it saves time, there are locks and gates, and the deal was viewed as a major foreign policy.

First, the Panama Canal saves a lot of time. If you want to get to California from New York and wanted to go on boat you would probably choose the Panama Canal instead of going around South America. It takes eight months to go around South America and it only takes three months to go through the Panama Canal. That is a five month difference and five months is a lot of time. Another way it saves time is that you have a less storms. With less time on the trip there is a less chance of having so many storms. With less storms that can save many lives. Since you don't have to go around South America the route is a lot shorter. There is 5000 miles take off the trip because of the Panama Canal.

Second, the Panama Canal has locks and gates. When boats and ships go through the canal they have to go through three sets of gates . Each gate hold millions of gallons of water. So when ships go through each gate water gets pumped either in or out of the gate so that the water level is even with the next one. What that does is raises or lowers the ships.

Lastly, the Panama Canal's deal was viewed as a major foreign policy. The United States paid France \$40 million for the completed work and abandoned equipment. Then a treaty between the U.S. and Panama signed paying Panama \$10 million for a 10-mile wide strip of land. The treaty also guaranteed \$250,000 to Panama each year for the use of land and ensured its independence.

I think that the Panama Canal is very important in many ways and that we are extremely lucky to be able to use some thing like that.

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the author is saying that the canal is better and a faster way to get places. it has saved lives and time. in paragraph 5 the author said that it is almost 8000 miles shorter to take the canal and 3 times shorter to take the canal. the author is also explaining that the canal is a significant fact or event because in paragraph 14 it explains that the canal helps in many ways and when the passage said its "a highway of water", it was saying it was fast and a well known place to travel through to get from ocean to ocean.

also in paragraph 1 it is telling how they had to do all of these hard thing just to get to a boat and then travel another 8 months. After he/she explains how the canal will help that. then it became to much work so the U.S. congress decided to help out and finish it and buy it from the French.

the author also explained that in paragraph 13 how well the canal is going to work and how good it works now and that its faster and how the ship moves from place to place.

so its basically saying that when its a highway of water its is fast and works well like a highway but its just on water.

I think that the author clarifies that the panama canal is a phenomenon because he/she explained that the people were very happy when it was finished he/she explained in the text. On September 26, 1913, an old tugboat was the first ship through the canal. Thousands of people watched and cheered. The locks worked perfectly. this explains that .in the diagram they show pictures on how to locks work

the people were excited when the canal was finally built

One other reason why the panama canal was a phenomenon it would save people lots of time traveling

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I think that the Panama Canal is a phenomenon because of the way it works and how it was made. It was shocking to me that they did not finish it the first time France started. It was also a man made waterway ,that seems like a lot of work for people to do. They did this at such an early time ,1879 was 126 years ago. they did not have all the equipment,technology and big machines we have today. Is also said going around South America would have been 15,000 miles.14,000 ship make the 50-mile trip through the canal each year.

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First of all a phenomenon is something significant, so as the author stated in the last paragraph. This canal saved time, money, and possibly lives. Also this canal wasn't small. Lots of blood, sweat, and tears went into it. Lastly the Panama canal is very useful. That's why I think it deserves the name of phenomenon.

It supports it because in paragraph 1 they state it is a long trip the wagon or the boat ride that was a 15,000 mile trip and in paragraph 2 they say that Ferdinand de lesseps lead a canal but abandoned it cause to many people died in paragraph 3 they say the canal is 8,000 miles shorter to them to get the right place. in paragraph 4 the united states decides to donate \$40 million dollars to get the job done and also guaranteed \$250,000 to panama each year for use of it's land in paragraph 5 they say approximately 14,000 ships made it through the canal each year

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First in paragraph two the author said could there be any other way to travel from the Atlantic to the Pacific ocean the answer was a canal. Next in paragraph four the author said the United States and Great Britain planed to build a canal through the Central American Republic of Nicaragua but the canal was never built. Then in paragraph six the author said France began to build a canal across Panama, but then in paragraph seven the author said problems began and then soon France decided to abandon the project. After that the United States decided to continue the project but they didn't abandon the project because someone named John F Stevens begin building hospitals and sewage systems also doctors fought the mosquitoes off the best they could. Last in paragraph ten since the Atlantic and Pacific oceans weren't level they built locks that raised and lowered ships so they could get from the Pacific to the Atlantic oceans.

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In the first thought a phenomenon is pretty much **something that is useful and significant** so in this case that would mean that this idea is very good and that this is a good idea to build it and that people actually like this because this saves them time and miles to travel across the Atlantic to the Pacific Ocean because it is a very useful trip to get from the New York bounds to California so if people think it's useful then that's why I think that they thought of putting down the word phenomenon to actually explain what the **data** of what **the people** think about the canal and how it saves travel mileage!

In 1849, travelers that were going from the east coast are going to the west coast. That was from the United States. Those people had three choices. For centuries, people around the world have been using human-made water-ways. They did that so they could move the goods from one place to another. They would also move the people from one place to another.

In the 1850s, The United States and The Great Britain they negotiated a treaty. So that they would have a right to build a canal. Whatever happened this canal was never built or made. This happened because the project didn't make it beyond the planning stages. With the canal in Panama, the trip from New York to California is going to be a lot shorter because it would be 8,000 miles shorter than going on a trip through South America.

In 1879, France began to build a canal all the way across Panama. With this project it was led by a man named Ferdinand de Lesseps. This treaty thing also guaranteed a \$250,000 trip to Panama. In each year for the use of the land it ensured its independence.

In November 1904, American workers began the completion of the Panama canal. Then by the early 1913 the Panama canal was almost finished. The Panama canal was taking so long because it was taking several months to fill it up with water. In modern times, approximately 14,000 ships make the fifty-mile trip in the Panama canal each year. The pilot takes the guides through the canal.

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The reason why the Panama Canal was such a big phenomenon was because, It helped people take less time to get to the ocean. People have made manmade water ways that lead out of the country to the ocean.

This also helped people because, it did not take even more time for the people who tried to get there way out of the country. For example, in the last paragraph of A Highway of Water it says, "Severe weather, which is common at the tip of South America where the two oceans meet, could add as much as five extra months to the trip. But now, The water ways have supported the canals so now it takes 8 to 10 hours.

the author thinks the Panama is a phenomenon because the Panama has saved a lot of time, money, and even lives.

the author also might think its a phenomenon because about 14,000 ships take the 50-mile trip through the canal each year. and it it takes them about 8 to 10 hours to get through it. also In 1879, France began to build a canal across Panama. This project was led by Ferdinand de Lesseps. He was the builder of the Suez Canal in Egypt. He was experienced, and the French government felt that he could get the job done.

Unfortunately, problems began as soon as construction started. It rained every day, causing the soil to become heavy and sloppy. Temperatures climbed as high as 130 degrees. Tropical diseases such as yellow fever and malaria caused illness or death to the majority of workers. These complications put a great deal of stress on the project. The money allotted to build the canal quickly ran out. In 1899, France abandoned the project. but the american government decided to help reboot the project by giving the french government \$40 million.

By 1913 The canal was finished. It took a long time to fill the Canal with water. The first boat to go through was a old tugboat. Thousand of people watched and cheered, the canal worked perfect.

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I think that a phenomenon is something easier to do because the story says the canal saved money,lives,and time.so I think the author supports this claim because france abandound ther work and tools so we took it over and built hospitles to prevent death.

This text talks about how the Panama Canal was a phenomenon. I know a phenomenon is an unusual or significant fact or event.

Of what the author said I would agree. The author of this passage says that that it rained every day, making the soil heavy and sloppy. It also says that temperatures were really high. As high as 130. And diseases such as yellow fever and malaria. And that caused illness or death to most of the workers.

The U.S. Congress decided to finish the Panama Canal. But that was not all they had to do. The Congress paid \$40 million dollars to the French for the completed work and the abandoned equipment. And the author said all of that to show how much of a phenomenon it was making the Panama Canal.

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The Panama Canal, a highway of water, is a phenomenon, because it is an event. By early 1913, the canal was nearly complete. It took several months to fill the canal with water. On September 26, 1913, an old tugboat was the first ship through the canal. Thousands of people watched and cheered. The locks worked perfectly. it seemed everyone was excited about the canal. Everyone started going through the canal, it became an event

The Panama Canal is a phenomenon because it changed people's lives forever. The definition states that a phenomenon is a significant event, the Panama Canal definitely fits that description. The author says: Time, money, and possibly even lives have been saved as ships use the shorter route from ocean to ocean provided by the canal. When you save time, money and lives forever, you did something very significant.

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In modern times, approximately 14,000 ships make the 50-mile trip through the canal each year. At its narrowest part, Panama is barely 50 miles wide. Since the water level of the Pacific and Atlantic Oceans is not the same, a system of locks and gates had to be built in the canal. This is why the Panama Canal is a phenomenon.

Well phenomenon means an unusual or significant fact or event. I think the author chose to use this word because then Panama Canal is a wonderful solution to traffic and its a more organized way of delivery. I think the author chose this title because it was probably really busy at times in the year. In modern times, approximately 14,000 ships make the 50-mile trip through the canal each year. On average, the trip through the canal takes a ship 8 to 10 hours. The ship captain does not steer the ship through the canal. A specially trained canal pilot takes control of the vessel and expertly guides it through the canal.

The French were going to build it but it was too hot and there was a disease that spread and the majority of their workers died. So the United States decided to finish it up. The U.S. Congress decided to finish the canal. The U.S. government paid \$40 million to France for the completed work and abandoned equipment. In 1903, after some negotiating, a treaty between the United States and Panama was signed paying Panama \$10 million for a 10-mile wide strip of land for the canal. This treaty also guaranteed \$250,000 to Panama each year for use of its land and ensured its independence. This deal was viewed as a major foreign policy¹ achievement at the time.

The author shows his/her claim by saying that in modern time 14,000 ships make it through each year, and the author says that it only takes 8 to 10 hours to get through the canal instead of it being about 8 months.

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Why I think the author claims the Panama Canal is a phenomenon here we go read this story and find out.

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it is phenomenon because they have never seen a canal so it is new to them and canal is a place were they have a river were water is trap and were you can boat

the author sees this word phenomenon because he claims that this sentence is one he said himself that a highway of water is a phenomenon which means that it is way easier to go across and who ever made this idea phenomenal he also sees this because its a FACT which is a big part of a phenomenon.

The author supports this claim in the statement "Time, money, and possibly even lives have been saved as ships use the shorter route from ocean to ocean provided by the canal." This shows that the Panama Canal was a significant fact or event (phenomenon) because *lives* were saved by this new water route, as was money and time. Another example of why the Panama Canal was a phenomenon is: "Thousands of people watched and cheered." This shows that the *thousands* of people watching also thought it was a phenomenon because they were cheering as the canal was successfully tested, and usually if thousands of people are so happy, and cheering, they think it is a significant event or ***phenomenon***.

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The idea of the Panama canal being a phenomenon is supported throughout the text. One reason the Panama canal is such an amazing thing is because the lock system is so clever and functional. The text tells that a specially trained canal pilot takes control of the boat as it makes the 50 mile distance across the canal. There are also pictures in the text under the heading Using The Panama Canal that explain the fascinating lock system. The text tells that an eight month journey can be shortened to a three month journey using the phenomenal Panama canal. It really is a highway of water!

The Panama Canal was important because it help many people travle. To Build the Panama Canal it took a lot of time and money. The first attempt to build the Panama Canal is so people can travel safer and less complicated than going all the way around or going through mountains. Problems started right once people started constuton. It rained ever day and the soil became heavy.

It's a good thing they built the Panama Canal because it was hard for travel. Befor the canal people could not travel from the Atlantic to the Pacific. The panama Canal is like a Highway made out of water. Also when they where building the canal the tempature was like 130f degrees.

Early 1913 the Canal was finished. A tug boat was the first boat through the canal. A bunch of people cheered as all the locks worked perfect. I think the canal is so important because time and peoples safty.

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Some of the ways the author claims the Panama Canal is a phenomenon is . First off to know how to go about this question is to first know what the word means. So I think that it means either a time saver or the best choice or in this case the best route. So now that I have the meaning of the word. I can go back though the story to find evidence or examples of why its a time saver or the best option. So some of the examples I came up with are. "The United States had three choices. They could go by wagon across America's sometimes dangerous prairie land. They could travel by sea to Panama, cross Panama by foot, and then sail the rest of the way to the West Coast of the United States. The third choice was to board a sailing ship in New York bound for California." These are just three of the many examples of what people did before thy had the panama canal. But now the have the canal this will make the trip way quicker then it was before. So that is why I think that the panama Canal is like a phenomenon.

They could call it a phenomenon because how the canal works and how it operates with the locks, the ships, and the water system. Also it can be phenomenon because of how the system works with the water guiding the ship to the place it needs to go with out having to do almost anything at all! The person who wrote this gave a lot of supporting details like how the water can curve the ship to the place it needs to go, with much detail in there writing. As well as all the other details of explaining the locks and there complicated system, and it surprisingly working the first time! And the way they have made the canal and how it works. Over all," the Panama canal, highway of water, is a phenomenon."

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I think the author claims the Panama Canal is phenomenon because the Panama Canal is a very important and safe route to got from one place to another. I know its very important because the text states, " They could go by wagon across America's sometimes dangerous prairie land. they could travel by sea to Panama by foot, and then sail the rest of the way to the West Coast of the United States. The third choice was to board a sailing ship in New York bound for California." So, the text is stating that all of the choices that travelers going from East Coast to West Coast are unsafe. Then the text stated," Time, money, and possibly even lives have been saved as ships use the shorter route from ocean to ocean provided by the canal." the text said that the canal is a a better way of traveling because it saved money, time, and life. the Panama Canal is a phenomenon.

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The author supports his/hers claim. When the author said time, money and possibly even lives have been saved. Which that is a big improvement and was a great idea to have a canal. And you have a less chance of sinking. That's why the author calls it a phenomenon.

the author supports the claim that the Panama canal is a phenomenon by stating "Time, money, and possibly even lives have been saved as ships use the shorter route from ocean to ocean provided by the canal." and the author also said that other trips could take months and were unsafe some times to use some other was the author also stats "A canal is a highway made of water." witch when you say it sounds like a phenomenon (some thing unusual) one last way the author shows us the panama canal is a phenomenon is by saying "use the shorter route from ocean to ocean provided by the canal."