Global Trade and Albany

Global trade in the late 1700s made America prosperous and strong. It was as important then as it is today.

Merchants like Philip Van Rensselaer and Stewart Dean used their sloops to carry goods from Albany and the Hudson River area to sell in New York City markets. These goods were then shipped around the world. Next, Albany merchants bought goods which came in from all over the world through global trade. These exotic goods were brought up river and sold in Albany.

Directions: Albany merchants traded goods to and from the SIX places list below. Find the places on the World Map on page 5b. Fill in the blanks, using the hints to help you.

Places:

- China
- Albany
- Great Britain
- Ireland
- West Indies
- New York City

Hints:

1. This place is located in North America. It is in the state of New York, near the source of the Hudson River.
2. This place is also located in the state of New York, near the end of the Hudson River. It was the first capital of the United States.
3. This is the largest island in Europe. Americans fought a Revolution against this country.
4. This island is next to #3 but it is smaller and often called "the emerald isle."
5. This huge country is located on the continent of Asia.
6. This is the name for a group of islands located between North and South America.