

Effects of the Industrial Revolution

Economic Effects of the Industrial Revolution

1. Goods were produced more efficiently
2. Supply of goods increased
3. Prices of goods decreased
4. More consumer demand due to lowered prices
5. Jobs were created in factories and on rail lines
6. Social changes as well!

Social Effect of the Industrial Revolution

1. Urbanization
 - ▶ A movement of people to cities.
 - ▶ Did they come by choice?
 - ▶ Yes and no...changes in farming and demand for workers.
 - ▶ Overcrowding
 - ▶ Manchester
 - ▶ 17,000 in 1759...40,000 in 1786...70,000 in 1801!
 - ▶ Dirty and disease ridden from factories.
 - ▶ City governments were corrupt and inefficient.
 - ▶ Cities were unsafe.
 - ▶ Tenement housing
 - ▶ Shabby apartment buildings.
 - ▶ No light, no running water, many to one room, and no sanitation system.

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2. Hazards of Factory Life
 - ▶ Long work days.
 - ▶ 12-16 hours.
 - ▶ No safety devices.
 - ▶ Loss of limbs and lives.
 - ▶ Pollution.
 - ▶ Coal dust and lint into lungs of workers.
 - ▶ Women were paid less than men.
 - ▶ Many employers preferred women to men.
 - ▶ Thought they could adapt to machines better and easier to manage.
 - ▶ Grim family life.
 - ▶ Concept of the "double-shift".

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3. Children Suffered in Mills and Mines
 - ▶ Were "trappers".
 - ▶ Cleared the ventilation shafts.
 - ▶ Orphaned children worked for food and board.
 - ▶ Many families needed the extra money.
 - ▶ Many were beat and very few received an education.
 - ▶ Factory Act of 1833. ☹️
 - ▶ Minimum 13 years old and maximum 8 hour day.

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4. Middle Class Expanded
 - ▶ Rise of factory owners, shippers, and merchants.
 - ▶ Lived in nice housing, dressed and ate well, and women did not work.
 - ▶ Viewed the poor as lazy or ignorant.
 - ▶ Responsible for their own misery. ☹️

Political Effects of the Industrial Revolution

- ▶ Capitalism vs. Socialism
 - ▶ Capitalism.
 - ▶ Individuals, rather than governments, control the factors of production.
 - ▶ Land, labor, and capital.
 - ▶ Businesses are privately owned.
 - ▶ Socialism.
 - ▶ Government owns the means of production and operates them on behalf of the people.
- ▶ Reform movements, unions, and anti-trust laws are created.

Good, Bad, or ?

- ▶ Was the Industrial Revolution a blessing or a curse?
 - ▶ Negative:
 - ▶ Low pay, unemployment, horrible living conditions, and need for reform. ☹
 - ▶ Positive:
 - ▶ New factories opened, created more jobs, wages rose, travel increased, horizons widened, and opportunities increased.
 - ▶ *Conditions improved over time!*