

TOPIC 5.9: SOCIETY IN THE INDUSTRIAL AGE

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Learning Obj. 1

- Explain how industrialization caused change in existing social hierarchies and standards of living.

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- A. New social classes, including the middle class and the industrial working class, developed.

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Working Class

- Those that worked in factories
- Low skilled, easily replaceable
- Tenements, urban slums



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Middle Class

- White collar jobs
- Access to consumer goods
- Culture, education, entertainment



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- B. Middle class women were increasingly limited to roles in the household or roles focused on child development.

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Middle Class Women

- "separate spheres"
- Cult of Domesticity



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- C. The rapid urbanization that accompanied global capitalism at times led to a variety of challenges.

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Urban Problems

- Overcrowding
 - Manchester
 - 17,000 in 1750...40,000 in 1780...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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