

DBQ—Examining Primary Sources

A great number of streams....furnish water-power adequate to turn many hundred mills: they afford the element of water, indispensable for scouring, bleaching, printing, dyeing, and other processes of manufacture: and when collected in their larger channels, or employed to feed canals, they supply a superior inland navigation, so important for the transit of raw materials and merchandise.

- Edward Bains,
The History of Cotton Manufacture in Great Britain (1835)

1. What was used to power early mills?

2. How were goods transported long distances at this time?
