

ARKWRIGHT'S FIRST SPINNING FRAME

# THE FIRST INDUSTRIAL REVOLUTION

#### Historical Significance of the Industrial Revolution

- An ancient Greek or Roman would have been just as comfortable in Europe in 1700 because daily life was not much different – agriculture and technology were not much changed in 2000+ years
- The Industrial Revolution changed human life drastically
- More was created in the last 250+ years than in the previous 2500+ years of known human history

# What was the Industrial Revolution?

 The Industrial Revolution was a fundamental change in the way goods were produced, from human labor to machines

 The more efficient means of production and subsequent higher levels of production triggered far-reaching changes to industrialized societies

## The Industrial Revolution

- Machines were invented which replaced human labor
- New energy sources were developed to power the new machinery – water, steam, electricity, oil (gas, kerosene)
  - Some historians place advances in atomic, solar, and wind energy at the later stages of the Industrial Revolution
- Increased use of metals and minerals
  - Aluminum, coal, copper, iron, etc.

# The Industrial Revolution

#### Transportation improved

- Ships
  - $\circ$  Wooden ships  $\rightarrow$  Iron ships  $\rightarrow$  Steel ships
  - $\circ$  Wind-powered sails  $\rightarrow$  Steam-powered boilers
- Trains
- Automobiles
- Communication improved
  - Telegraph
  - Telephone
  - Radio

## Developments

- Mass production of goods
  - Increased numbers of goods
  - Increased diversity of goods produced
- Development of factory system of production
- Rural-to-urban migration
  - People left farms to work in cities
- Development of capitalism
  - Financial capital for continued industrial growth
- Development and growth of new socio-economic classes
  - Working class, bourgeoisie, and wealthy industrial class
- Commitment to research and development
  - Investments in new technologies
  - Industrial and governmental interest in promoting invention, the sciences, and overall industrial growth

#### Background of the Industrial Revolution

#### • Commercial Revolution

- 15<sup>th</sup>, 16<sup>th</sup>, and 17<sup>th</sup> centuries
- Europeans expanded their power worldwide
- Increased geographic knowledge
- Colonies in the Americas and Asia
- Increased trade and commerce
- Guild system could not meet the demands of increasing numbers goods

#### Background of the Industrial Revolution

- Scientific Revolution
  - 17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> centuries
  - Discoveries of Boyle, Lavoisier, Newton, etc.
- Intellectual Revolution
  - 17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> centuries
  - Writings of Locke, Voltaire, etc.
- Atmosphere of discovery and free intellectual inquiry
  - Greater knowledge of the world
  - Weakened superstition and tradition
  - Encouraged learning and the search for better and newer ways of doing things

#### Development of the Domestic System of Production

- Omestic system developed in England
- Late 1600s-late 1800s
- Domestic system of production "putting out" system
  - Businesspeople delivered raw materials to workers' homes
  - Workers manufactured goods from these raw materials in their homes (typically articles of clothing)
  - Businesspeople picked up finished goods and paid workers wages based on number of items
- Domestic system could not keep up with demand

#### Factory System

- Developed to replace the domestic system of production
- Faster method of production
- Workers concentrated in a set location
- Production anticipated demand
  - For example: Under the domestic system, a woman might select fabric and have a businessperson give it to a home-based worker to make into a dress. Under the factory system, the factory owner bought large lots of popular fabrics and had workers create multiple dresses in common sizes, anticipating that women would buy them.

	Domestic System	Factory System				
Methods	•Hand tools	•Machines				
Location	•Home	•Factory				
Ownership and Kinds of Tools	<ul> <li>Small hand tools owned by worker</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Large power-driven machines owned by the capitalist</li> </ul>				
Production Output	<ul> <li>Small level of production</li> <li>Sold only to local market</li> <li>Manufactured on a per-order basis</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Large level of production</li> <li>Sold to a worldwide market</li> <li>Manufactured in anticipation of demand</li> </ul>				
Nature of Work Done by Worker	<ul> <li>Worker manufactured entire item</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Worker typically made one part of the larger whole</li> <li>Henry Ford's assembly line (early 20<sup>th</sup> century) kept workers stationary</li> </ul>				
Hours of Work	<ul> <li>Worker worked as much as he/she would and could, according to demand</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Worker worked set daily hours</li> </ul>				
Worker Dependence on Employer	•Worker had multiple sources of sustenance-other employers, own garden or farm, and outside farm labor	•Worker relied entirely on capitalist for his/her income-urban living made personal farming and gardening impractical				

#### England: Birthplace of the Industrial Revolution

- No concrete start date for the Industrial Revolution
- Marked by gradual, slow changes
- After 1750 these changes were noticeable first in England

#### Why the Industrial Revolution Started in England



#### England's Resources: Capital

 The Commercial Revolution made many English merchants very wealthy

 These merchants had the capital to invest in the factory system – money to buy buildings, machinery, and raw materials

# England's Resources: Colonies and Markets

- Wealth from the Commercial Revolution spread beyond the merchant class
- England had more colonies than any other nation
- Its colonies gave England access to enormous markets and vast amounts of raw materials
- Colonies had rich textile industries for centuries
  - Many of the natural cloths popular today, such as calico and gingham, were originally created in India
  - China had a silk industry

#### England's Resources: Raw Materials

 England itself possessed the necessary raw materials to create the means of production

Coal – vast coal reserves powered steam engines

 Iron – basic building block of large machines, railroad tracks, trains, and ships

#### England's Resources: Workers

 Serfdom and guilds ended earlier in England than other countries

 English people could freely travel from the countryside to the cities

 Enclosure Acts – caused many small farmers to lose their lands, and these former farmers increased the labor supply

#### England's Resources: Merchant Marine

- World's largest merchant fleet
- Merchant marine built up from the Commercial Revolution
- Vast numbers of ships could bring raw materials and finished goods to and from England's colonies and possessions, as well as to and from other countries

## England's Resources: Geography

- England is the political center of Great Britain, an island
- Great Britain (as the entire island was called beginning in 1707) did not suffer fighting on its land during the wars of the 18<sup>th</sup> century
- Island has excellent harbors and ports
- Damp climate benefited the textile industry (thread did not dry out)
- Government stable
- No internal trade barriers

Spinning machine

Need to speed up weaving

#### Power loom created

Power loom

Increased demand for raw cotton

Invention of the cotton gin

Cotton gin

#### Demands for stronger iron

Improvements in iron smelting and the development of steel (Bessemer process)

As more steampowered machines were built, factories needed more coal to create this steam



Mining methods improved to meet the demand for more coal

•The process of inventing never ends

•One invention inevitably leads to improvements upon it and to more inventions

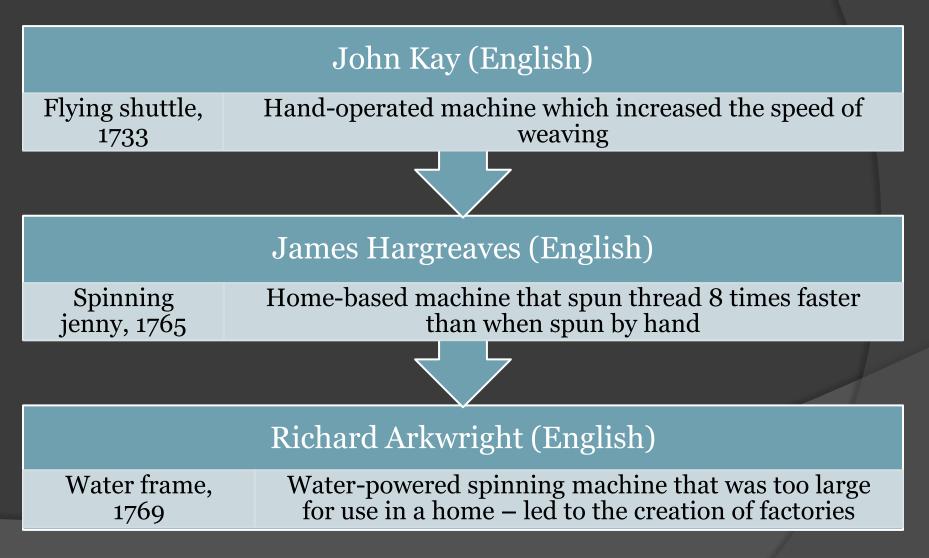
#### The Textile Industry

#### • Textiles – cloths or fabrics

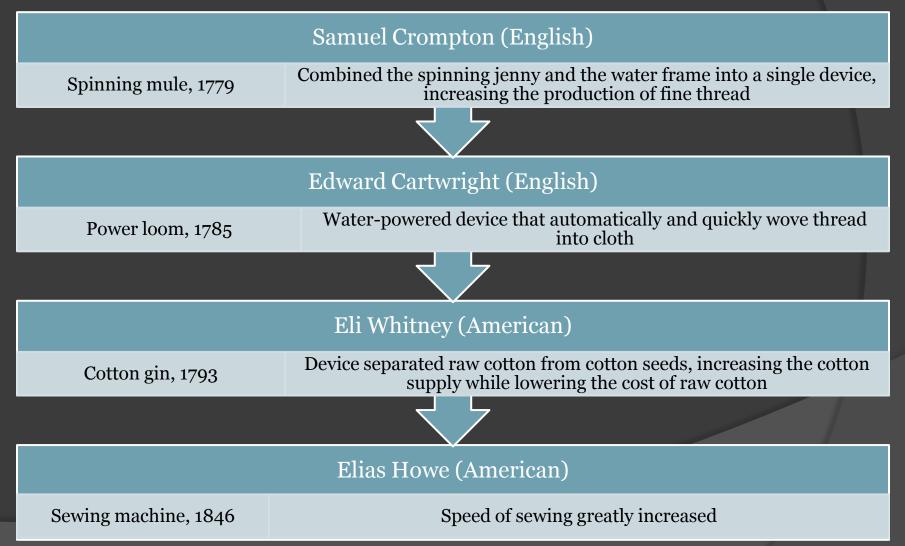
• First industry to be industrialized

 Great Britain learned a lot about textiles from India and China

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#### Development of Steam Engines

 Early water power involved mills built over fast-moving streams and rivers

• Early water power had problems

- Not enough rivers to provide the power needed to meet growing demand
- Rivers and streams might be far removed from raw materials, workers, and markets
- Rivers are prone to flooding and drying

#### Steam Power

- Humans tried harnessing steam power for millennia
  - Hero of Alexandria, Egypt created a steam-driven device in the 1<sup>st</sup> century B.C.E.
- Thomas Newcomen, England (1704)
  - Created a steam engine to pump water from mines
- James Watt, Scotland (1769)
  - Improved Newcomen's engine to power machinery

## Steam Engines

- By 1800, steam engines were replacing water wheels as sources of power for factories
- Factories relocated near raw materials, workers, and ports
- Cities grew around the factories built near central England's coal and iron mines
  - Manchester, Liverpool

# Coal and Iron

- Vast amounts of fuel were required to smelt iron ore to burn out impurities
- Abraham Darby (1709)
  - Discovered that heating coal turned it into more efficient coke
- John Smeaton (1760)
  - Smelted iron by using water-powered air pumps to create steam blasts
- Henry Cort (1783)
  - Developed the puddling process which purified and strengthened molten iron

Increases in Coal and Iron Production, 1770-1800

Coal production doubled
6 million to 12 million tons

Pig iron production increased 250%
1800 – 130,000 tons

 Great Britain produced as much coal and iron as every other country combined

#### Bessemer Process and Steel

- Prior to the Industrial Revolution, steel was difficult to produce and expensive
- Henry Bessemer, 1856
  - Developed the Bessemer process
  - Brought on the "Age of Steel"
  - Steel is the most important metal used over the past 150+ years
- Other improvements in steel production
  - Open-hearth furnace
  - Electric furnace
  - Use of other metals to produce various types of steel

## Transportation



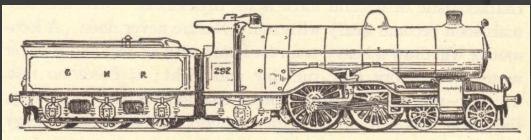
#### Before the Industrial Revolution

- •Canal barges pulled by mules
- •Ships powered by sails

•Horse-drawn wagons, carts, and carriages

#### After the Industrial Revolution

TrainsSteamshipsTrolleysAutomobiles



#### THE "ROCKET" AND A MODERN ENGLISH LOCOMOTIVE

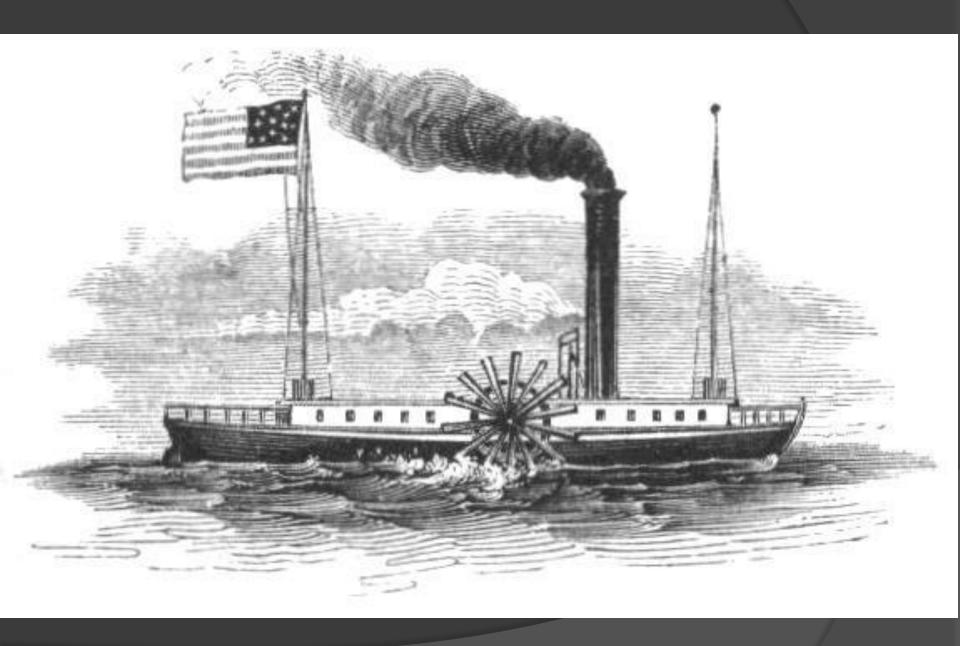
The "Rocket," the best of Stephenson's early locomotives, was a four-wheel engine supported on springs, with a boiler six feet long. It weighed four and a quarter tons, and in the first run on the Liverpool and Manchester railway it made an average speed of fifteen miles an hour. The modern English locomotive weighs nearly sixty tons, and travels several times as fast as the little "Rocket."

## **Transportation Revolution**

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			<ul> <li>Diesel engine (1892)</li> <li>Cheaper fuel</li> </ul>				<ul><li>Airplane (1903)</li><li>Air transport</li></ul>	

#### Steamboats

- Robert Fulton invented the steamboat in 1807
- The *Clermont* operated the first regular steamboat route, running between Albany and New York City
- 1819 the Savannah used a steam engine as auxiliary power for the first time when it sailed across the Atlantic Ocean
- 1836 John Ericsson invented a screw propeller to replace paddle wheels
- 1838 the *Great* Western first ship to sail across the Atlantic on steam power alone, completing the trip in 15 days



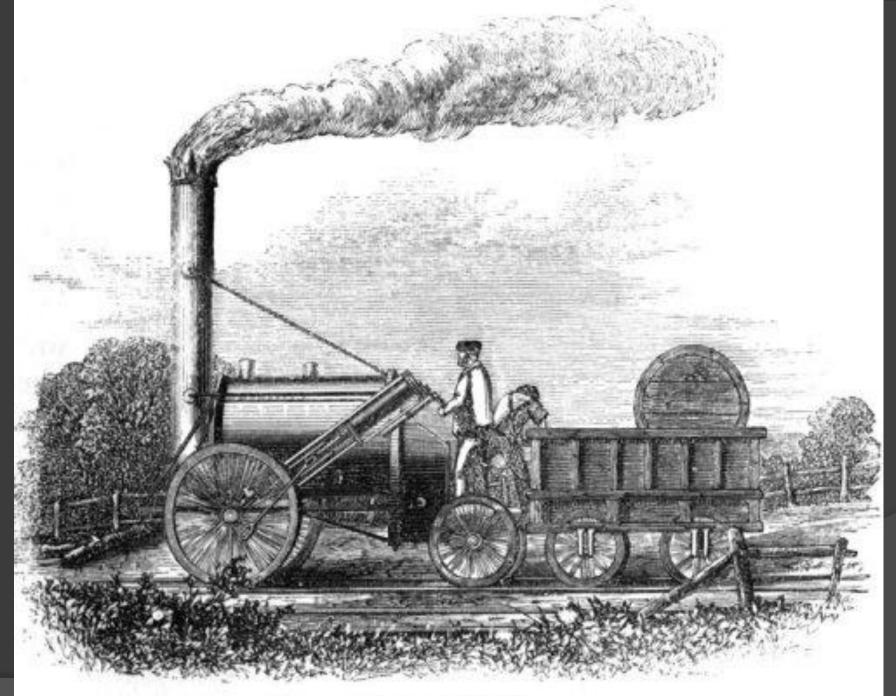
## Macadamized Roads

- Strong, hard roads invented by Thomas Telford and John McAdam
- Improvement over dirt and gravel roads
- Macadamized roads have a smooth, hard surface that supports heavy loads without requiring a thick roadbed
- Modern roads are macadamized roads, with tar added to limit the creation of dust



# Railroads

- 1830 Stephenson's "Rocket" train traveled the 40 miles between Liverpool and Manchester in 1 <sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> hours
- 1830-1870 railroad tracks went from 49 miles to over 15,000 miles
- Steel rails replaced iron rails
- 1869 Westinghouse's air brake made train travel safer
- Greater train traveling comfort heavier train cars, improved road beds, and sleeping cars



The "Rocket."

#### **Communications Revolution**

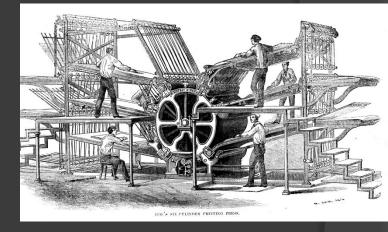
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				<ul> <li>Radio tube (1907)</li> <li>Radio broadcasts could be sent around the world</li> </ul>		:	<ul> <li>Television</li> <li>Simultane audio and broadcast</li> </ul>		ous

# **Printing Revolution**

#### • Printing – 1800-1830

- Iron printing press
- Steam-driven press
- Rotary press 1870
  - Invented by Richard Hoe
  - Printed both sides of a page at once
- Linotype machine 1884





- A machine operator could create a "line of type" all at one go, rather than having to individually set each letter
- Newspapers became much cheaper to produce
  - Cost of a newspaper plummeted
  - Number of newspapers increased

# **Review Questions**

- 1. What was the Industrial Revolution?
- 2. Describe at least three developments of the Industrial Revolution.
- 3. Compare and contrast the domestic and factory methods of production.
- 4. Why did the Industrial Revolution begin in England?
- 5. Explain why one invention or development leads to another.

## **Review Questions**

- 6. Explain how developments in the textile industry sparked the Industrial Revolution.
- 7. Describe at least three developments in the area of transportation.
- 8. Describe at least three developments in the field of communications.
- 9. Considering the conditions necessary for industrialization to occur, how well equipped is the undeveloped world for becoming industrialized? Are modern undeveloped nations in a better or worse position than 18<sup>th</sup>- and 19<sup>th</sup>-century England?