

## Outline of the Industrial Revolution

### The First Industrial Revolution

- I. Historical significance of the Industrial Revolution
  - a. 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
  - b. The Industrial Revolution changed human life drastically
  - c. More was created in the last 250+ years than in the previous 2500+ years of known human history
- II. What was the Industrial Revolution?
  - a. A fundamental change in the way goods were produced, from human labor to machines
  - b. More efficient means of production and subsequent higher levels of production triggered far-reaching changes to industrialized societies
  - c. Machines were invented which replaced human labor
  - d. New energy sources were developed to power the new machinery
    - i. Water, steam, electricity, oil (gas, kerosene)
    - ii. Some historians place advances in atomic, solar, and wind energy at the later stages of the Industrial Revolution
  - e. Increased use of metals and minerals
    - i. Aluminum, coal, copper, iron, etc.
  - f. Transportation improved
    - i. Ships
      1. Wooden ships → iron ships → steel ships
      2. Wind-powered sails → Steam-powered boilers
    - ii. Trains
    - iii. Automobiles
    - iv. Airplanes
  - g. Communication improved
    - i. Telegraph
    - ii. Telephone
    - iii. Radio
- III. Developments
  - a. Mass production of goods
    - i. Increased numbers of goods
    - ii. Increased diversity of goods produced
  - b. Development of factory system of production
  - c. Rural-to-urban migration
    - i. People left farms to work in cities
  - d. Development of capitalism
    - i. Financial capital for continued industrial growth
  - e. Development and growth of new socio-economic classes
    - i. Working class, bourgeoisie, and wealthy industrial class

- f. Commitment to research and development
  - i. Investments in new technologies
  - ii. Industrial and governmental interest in promoting invention, the sciences, and overall industrial growth
- IV. Background of the Industrial Revolution
  - a. Scientific Revolution
    - i. 17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> centuries
    - ii. Discoveries of Boyle, Lavoisier, Newton, etc.
    - iii. Abstract research led to practical applications
  - b. Intellectual Revolution (Enlightenment)
    - i. 17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> centuries
    - ii. Writings of Locke, Voltaire, etc.
    - iii. Interest in progress and better lives for people
  - c. Atmosphere of discovery and free intellectual inquiry
    - i. Greater knowledge of the world
    - ii. Weakened superstition and tradition
    - iii. Encouraged learning and the search for better and newer ways of doing things
- V. Development of the domestic system of production
  - a. Domestic system developed in England
  - b. Late 1600s-late 1800s
  - c. Domestic system of production = “putting out” system
    - i. Businesspeople delivered raw materials to workers’ homes
    - ii. Workers manufactured goods from these raw materials in their own homes (typically articles of clothing)
    - iii. Businesspeople picked up finished goods and paid workers wages based on number of items
  - d. Domestic system could not keep up with demand
  - e. What was it like? Example=dressmakers
    - i. For consumers
      - 1. Items were made to order so you’d have fewer things that cost a lot
      - 2. No going into a store and grabbing your size shirt off the rack
      - 3. Go to a store → select fabric → pick a pattern → get measured → wait a week or so to get your item
    - ii. For workers
      - 1. Work from home
        - III> Your home is your workspace
        - IV> You own the tools you work with
      - 2. Sporadic work
        - III> You’d be busy during special occasions (weddings, parties, holidays, balls) but could go days and even weeks without work
- VI. Factory system
  - a. Developed to replace the domestic system of production
  - b. Faster method of production
  - c. Workers concentrated in a set location
  - d. Production anticipated demand

- e. What was it like?
  - i. For consumers
    - 1. You get to grab your size shirt off the store rack
    - 2. Store owners kept numerous dresses, etc., in stock in a number of popular patterns and sizes, anticipating that women would buy them
    - 3. Clothes were cheaper, and you saw more variety/options in a store, so you bought more
  - ii. For workers
    - 1. More steady work
    - 2. No longer worked from home, but in a clothing factory

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

- VII. England—birthplace of the Industrial Revolution
  - a. No concrete start date for the Industrial Revolution
  - b. Marked by gradual, slow changes
  - c. After 1750—these changes were noticeable first in England
- VIII. Why the Industrial Revolution started in England
  - a. Capital for investing in the means of production
  - b. Colonies and markets for manufactured goods
  - c. Raw materials for production
  - d. Workers
  - e. Merchant marine
  - f. Geography
- IX. England's resources—capital
  - a. The Commercial Revolution made many English merchants very wealthy
  - b. These merchants had the capital to invest in the factory system—money to buy buildings, machinery, and raw materials
- X. England's resources—colonies and markets
  - a. Wealth from the Commercial Revolution spread beyond the merchant class

- b. England had more colonies than any other nation
  - c. Its colonies gave England access to enormous markets and vast amounts of raw materials
  - d. Colonies had rich textile industries for centuries
    - i. Many of the natural cloths popular today, such as calico and gingham, were originally created in India
    - ii. China had a silk industry
- XI. England's resources—merchant marine
- a. World's largest merchant fleet
  - b. Merchant marine built up from the Commercial Revolution
  - c. 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
- XII. England's resources—geography
- a. England is the political center of Great Britain, an island
  - b. 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
  - c. Island has excellent harbors and ports
  - d. Damp climate benefited the textile industry (thread did not dry out)
  - e. Government stable
  - f. No internal trade barriers
- XIII. "Necessity is the mother of invention"
- a. Spinning machine → need to speed up weaving → power loom created → increased demand for raw cotton → invention of the cotton gin → demands for stronger iron → improvements in iron smelting and the development of economically-feasible steel (Bessemer process)
  - b. As more steam-powered machines were built, factories needed more coal to create this steam → mining methods improved to meet the demand for more coal
  - c. The process of inventing never ends
    - i. One invention inevitably leads to improvements upon it and to more inventions
- XIV. The textile industry
- a. Textiles—cloths or fabrics
  - b. First industry to be industrialized
  - c. Great Britain learned a lot about textiles from India and China
- XV. Birth and growth of the textile industry
- a. John Kay (English)
    - i. Flying shuttle, 1733
    - ii. Hand-operated machine which increased the speed of weaving
  - b. James Hargreaves (English)
    - i. Spinning jenny, 1765
    - ii. Home-based machine that spun thread 8 times faster than when spun by hand
  - c. Richard Arkwright (English)
    - i. Water frame, 1769
    - ii. Water-powered spinning machine that was too large for use in a home—led to the creation of factories
  - d. Samuel Crompton (English)
    - i. Spinning mule, 1779
    - ii. Combined the spinning jenny and the water frame into a single device, increasing the production of fine thread

- e. Edward Cartwright (English)
    - i. Power loom, 1785
    - ii. Water-powered device that automatically and quickly wove thread into cloth
  - f. Eli Whitney (American)
    - i. Cotton gin, 1793
    - ii. Device separated raw cotton from cotton seeds, increasing the cotton supply while lowering the cost of raw cotton
  - g. Elias Howe (American)
    - i. Sewing machine, 1846
    - ii. Speed of sewing greatly increased
- XVI. Development of steam engines
- a. Early water power involved mills built over fast-moving streams and rivers
  - b. Early water power had problems
    - i. Not enough rivers to provide the power needed to meet growing demand
    - ii. Rivers and streams might be far removed from raw materials, workers, and markets
    - iii. Rivers are prone to flooding and drying
  - c. Steam power
    - i. Humans tried harnessing steam power for millennia
      - 1. Hero of Alexandria, Egypt—created a steam-driven device in the 1<sup>st</sup> century BCE
    - ii. Thomas Newcomen, England (1704)
      - 1. Created a steam engine to pump water from mines
    - iii. James Watt, Scotland (1769)
      - 1. Improved Newcomen’s engine to power machinery
  - d. Steam engines
    - i. By 1800, steam engines were replacing water wheels as sources of power for factories
    - ii. Factories relocated near raw materials, workers, and ports
    - iii. Cities grew around the factories built near central England’s coal and iron mines
      - 1. Manchester; Liverpool
- XVII. Coal and iron
- a. Vast amounts of fuel were required to smelt iron ore to burn out impurities
  - b. Abraham Darby (1709)
    - i. Discovered that heating coal turned it into more efficient coke
  - c. John Smeaton (1760)
    - i. Smelted iron by using water-powered air pumps to create stem blasts
  - d. Henry Cort (1783)
    - i. Developed the puddling process which purified and strengthened molten iron
  - e. Increases in coal and iron production, 1770-1800
    - i. Coal production doubled –from 6,000,000 to 12,000,000 tons
    - ii. Pig iron production increased 250%
      - 1. 1800—130,000 tons
    - iii. Great Britain produced as much coal and iron as every other country combined
- XVIII. Bessemer process and steel
- a. Prior to the Industrial Revolution, steel was difficult to produce and expensive
  - b. Henry Bessemer, 1856
    - i. Developed the Bessemer process
    - ii. Brought on the “Age of Steel”

- iii. Steel is the most important metal used over the past 150+ years
  - c. Other improvements in steel production
    - i. Open-hearth furnace
    - ii. Electric furnace
    - iii. Use of other metals to produce various types of steel
- XIX. Transportation
- a. Increased production → Search for more markets and raw materials → better and faster means of transportation
  - b. Before the Industrial Revolution
    - i. Canal barges pulled by mules
    - ii. Ships powered by sails
    - iii. Horse-drawn wagons, carts, and carriages
  - c. After the Industrial Revolution
    - i. Trains
    - ii. Steamships
    - iii. Trolleys
    - iv. Automobiles
  - d. Transportation revolution
    - i. Robert Fulton (American)
      - 1. Steamboat (1807)
      - 2. Sped water transportation
    - ii. Thomas Telford and John McAdam (British)
      - 1. Macadamized roads (1810-1830)
      - 2. Improved road travel
    - iii. George Stephenson (English)
      - 1. Locomotive (1825)
      - 2. Fast land transport of people and goods
    - iv. Gottlieb Daimler (German)
      - 1. Gasoline engine (1885)
      - 2. Led to the invention of the automobile
    - v. Rudolf Diesel (German)
      - 1. Diesel engine (1892)
      - 2. Cheaper fuel
    - vi. Orville and Wilbur Wright (American)
      - 1. Airplane (1903)
      - 2. Air transport
  - e. Steamboats
    - i. Robert Fulton invented the steamboat in 1807
    - ii. The *Clermont* operated the first regular steamboat route, running between Albany and New York City
    - iii. 1819—the *Savannah* used a steam engine as auxiliary power for the first time when it sailed across the Atlantic Ocean
    - iv. 1836—John Ericsson invented a screw propeller to replace paddle wheels
    - v. 1838—the *Great Western* was the first ship to sail across the Atlantic on steam power alone, completing the trip in 15 days
  - f. Macadamized roads

- i. Strong, hard roads invented by Thomas Telford and John McAdam
    - ii. Improvement over dirt and gravel roads
    - iii. Macadamized roads have a smooth, hard surface that supports heavy loads without requiring a thick roadbed
    - iv. Modern roads are macadamized roads, with tar added to limit the creation of dust
  - g. Railroads
    - i. 1830—Stephenson’s “Rocket” train traveled the 40 miles between Liverpool and Manchester in 1 ½ hours
    - ii. 1830-1870—railroad tracks went from 49 miles to over 15,000 miles
    - iii. Steel rails replaced iron rails
    - iv. 1869—Westinghouse’s air brake made train travel faster
    - v. Greater train traveling comfort—heavier train cars, improved road beds, and sleeping cars
- XX. Communications revolution
  - a. Samuel F.B. Morse (American)
    - i. Telegraph (1844)
    - ii. Rapid communication across continents
  - b. Alexander Graham Bell (American)
    - i. Telephone (1876)
    - ii. Human speech heard across continents
  - c. Cyrus W. Field (American)
    - i. Atlantic cable (1866)
    - ii. United States and Europe connected by cable
  - d. Guglielmo Marconi (Italian)
    - i. Wireless telegraph, an early form of the radio (1895)
    - ii. No wires needed for sending messages
  - e. Lee de Forest (American)
    - i. Radio tube (1907)
    - ii. Radio broadcasts could be sent around the world
  - f. Vladimir Zworykin (American)
    - i. Television (1925)
    - ii. Simultaneous audio and visual broadcast
- XXI. Printing revolution
  - a. Printing—1800-1830
    - i. Iron printing press
    - ii. Steam-driven press
  - b. Rotary press—1870
    - i. Invented by Richard Hoe
    - ii. Printed both sides of a page at once
  - c. Linotype machine—1884
    - i. Invented by Ottmar Mergenthaler
    - ii. A machine operator could create a “line of type” ll at one go, rather than having to individually set each letter
  - d. Newspapers became much cheaper to produce
    - i. Cost of newspaper plummeted
    - ii. Number of newspapers increased

