

THE INDUSTRIAL REVOLUTION - KEY

1. When and where did the Industrial Revolution begin? in England in the middle of the 18th century
2. Why did it begin in this country? the country was wealthy; coal as an important raw material; raw materials from colonies; inventions; new way of transporting goods;
3. How was work organized before the Industrial Revolution? people worked at home or in small workshops
4. Who invented the steam engine? James Watt
5. How did it change life during this period? people worked in factories; they moved to cities; worked long hours
6. Why was coal an important raw material in the 18th and 19th centuries? it powered machines and was the most important source of energy
7. Which part of Great Britain was the centre of coal mining? Why was it called Black Country? the middle part around Birmingham, Sheffield and Coventry; skies became dark because coal was burned
8. Which new forms of transportation developed in the 19th century? railroad; steam boats; canals were built
9. Who did Great Britain sell industrial goods to? their colonies overseas
10. In which factories did men work and where did women work? men worked in iron and steel mills, women worked in textile factories
11. What were the working conditions like? people worked long hours, no rest; bad working conditions, no unions to protect workers; owners wanted to keep costs low
12. Why did the population increase during the Industrial Revolution? people lived longer; better housing and medical care
13. Which countries became the leading industrial nations in Europe? apart from Britain, Belgium France and Germany
14. When did the Industrial Revolution reach Asia? the early 1900s
15. Which country in Asia was first to industrialize? Japan