

Industrial Revolution 1760-1840 - Why was the Industrial Revolution so important to progress in Britain?



Key Knowledge

- ❖ In 1837, 80% of the British population was living in the countryside.
- ❖ New farming machinery was the main reason for people moving to towns and cities.
- ❖ The Industrial Revolution was a time of great change.
- ❖ Many inventions were made during the Industrial Revolution.
- ❖ Factories were able to manufacture goods quickly and cheaply which improved Britain's trade.
- ❖ Towns and cities were crowded.
- ❖ Pollution was a big problem for those living in urban areas.
- ❖ Children were able to work in factories and coal mines to earn money for their families.

Key Vocabulary

Industry - The process of making products by using machines and factories.

Revolution - A huge change or a change in the way things are done.

Invention - A new object or idea that has been created.

Population - . All the inhabitants of a particular place

Agriculture - The process of farming

Rural - Countryside.

Distribution - Giving out or delivery to

Urbanisation - The growth of cities due to movement of people from rural areas to cities

Key People

Richard Arkwright - He invented a simple spinning machine which replaced the work of human hands. The water frame made it possible to spin cotton yarn more quickly and in greater amounts than ever before.

George Stephenson - 'The Father of the Railway', as he was an engineer who built steam locomotives for the first ever railways.

James Watt /Matthew Boulton - Together they developed the steam engine for use with industrial machinery.

Abraham Darby - Invented a new process for producing strong, cheap iron called the blast furnace..

Key Questions

- What was the Industrial Revolution? (IR)
- How did Great Britain become so successful during the IR?
- Why was Lancashire so successful during the IR?
- What problems developed because of the IR?
- What were the benefits of the IR?
- What role did children have during the IR?

When was the IR?

