

Chapter 20 Reading Questions

The Industrial Revolution

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1. List at least four reasons the Industrial Revolution began in Great Britain.
2. Under what circumstances did James Watt invent the steam engine?
3. How did steam engines change textile manufacture?
4. What was puddling? How did it change the iron industry?
5. How quickly did railroads spread?
6. Why did workers find it difficult to adjust to a factory's time schedule?
7. PD559 & Text – Describe the factory rules.
8. How did churches support industry?
9. How did the Crystal Palace demonstrate Britain's industrial power?

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10. Why did the Low Countries, France, and the German states not industrialize with Britain? List as many reasons as you can.
11. How did banks change?
12. How did cotton manufacturing differ between Britain and the Continent?
13. In what ways was industrialization different in the USA than in Europe?
14. How did Europeans prevent non-European peoples from industrializing?

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15. Why was there a population explosion?
16. What was the result of the Great Hunger?
17. Spielvogel called emigration a "safety valve." In what ways is that true?
18. Why did industrialists put factories in cities? How did the addition of factories change cities?
19. List the problems with living conditions.
20. What did Edwin Chadwick want to change? What was the result of his efforts?
21. From what backgrounds did entrepreneurs come?
22. List categories of urban laborers (i.e. artisans) in order from largest to smallest.
23. What was consumption? What was its cause?
24. Why did factory owners like to use children? What dangers did the children face?
25. PD572-3 & text – Describe the life of a child in the textile mills and/or mines.
26. What were pauper apprentices? What issues did they have?
27. Analyze the two sides of the argument about the standard of living. What does each side believe?
28. Which of the two sides in the above questions is right, in your opinion? Why?
29. What were trade unions?
30. Who was Robert Owen? What did he want? Did he succeed?
31. PD576 & text – What did the Chartists demand?
32. Why did Chartism not succeed?
33. Spielvogel ends the chapter by quickly listing acts that helped change working conditions. After these acts were passed, there were still problems. What problems remained?