

Reading Text for Monday 18th - Friday 22nd January

The Industrial Revolution

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Context

The 1800s was a time of 'Industrial Revolution'.

The main changes were:

- by 1914, England had become a great trading nation with a worldwide empire, which covered a fifth of the globe
- a 260 per cent growth in population
- a change from agriculture to industry
- a move from domestic industry to factory work
- a move from water and wind power to steam engines
- a revolution in transport and communications, from canals and pack horses, to railways and the telegraph
- The growth of towns:

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Monday 18th January Questions:

When was the Industrial Revolution?

It was an era of ----- and -----

Find and copy one word that means the same as 'farming'.

Find a synonym for 'urban'.

What population changes were there between 1750 and 1900?

Tuesday 19th January Questions:

Find these quotes in the text.

1. 'a change from agriculture to industry'
2. 'a revolution in transport and communications'

What do these phrases mean?

Wednesday 20th January Questions:

What does the word 'inhabitants' mean? **(vocabulary)**

I know this is an example of a non-fiction text because...
(explain)

By 1900 London had a population of 760 000.

TRUE / FALSE

Most people got more wealthy during the Industrial Revolution.

FACT/ OPINION

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Find and copy a **group of words** that have the same meaning as urban areas increasing.

(vocabulary)

How did where most people live change in the Industrial Revolution? (support your answer with evidence from the text) **(inference)**

Thursday 21st January Questions:



One thing I notice is...

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Which could mean...

Friday 22nd January Questions:

- Find **3** key points in the text that help you understand what it is about.
- Find **2** key words (vocabulary) that help you understand what it is about.
- Find **1** big idea from the text. How is the writer trying to make the reader feel?