

Industrial Revolution WebQuest

The Industrial Revolution produced many changes first in England, and then throughout the world. Explore these changes through a variety of interactive games, articles, and on-line photographic collections.

ACTIVITY #1: Who wants to be a cotton millionaire? Activity

http://www.bbc.co.uk/history/british/victorians/launch_gms_cotton_millionaire.shtml

a) What kinds of things did early industrialists have to consider when opening a factory? What things were necessary for a successful business?

ACTIVITY #2: “Muck and Brass” Activity: Living Conditions in 19th Century England

http://www.bbc.co.uk/history/british/victorians/launch_gms_muck_brass.shtml

- a) Describe some problems that industrialization has brought to “Cottonopolis.”
- b) What steps could reformers take to improve conditions for ordinary people?
- c) How did your choices affect the city’s budget and death rates?

ACTIVITY #3: How did steam engines work?

http://www.bbc.co.uk/history/british/victorians/launch_ani_spinning_mill.shtml

a) Observe how steam energy was created to drive a textile mill. What was burned in the furnace to create the heat to make steam?

ACTIVITY #4: Lives of Coal Workers (from the *Child Labor Bulletin*)

<http://wathatcher.iweb.bsu.edu/childlabor/>

- a) How were children treated during the Industrial Revolution?
- b) What jobs did children tend to have? Why?
- c) What brought an end to child labor?

ACTIVITY #5: Lifestyles of the Bourgeoisie

Are You a “Civilized Person”? Test Your Bourgeois Manners

<http://www.mccord-museum.qc.ca/en/keys/games/17>

a) What kinds of values and manners were important to the bourgeoisie?

How stylish are you?: Test Your Knowledge of Victorian Fashion

http://www.bbc.co.uk/history/british/launch_gms_victorian_dress.shtml

b) Test your knowledge of men's OR women's fashion. How are today's fashions different from Victorian era fashions?

c) What kinds of changes in values or attitudes do these changes in fashion suggest? Are we more or less formal than before?

ACTIVITY #6: Women's Rights: What could women do in England during the 19th century?

http://www.bbc.co.uk/history/british/victorians/launch_gms_womens_rights.shtml

a) What rights did women have and what rights didn't they have?

b) How did you feel when the door would slam shut?

ACTIVITY #7: Why does soccer have rules?

http://www.bbc.co.uk/history/british/victorians/sport_01.shtml

According to the article, how did the Industrial Revolution lead to more rules in sports?

Other Resources

The Victorian Web

<http://www.victorianweb.org/index.html>