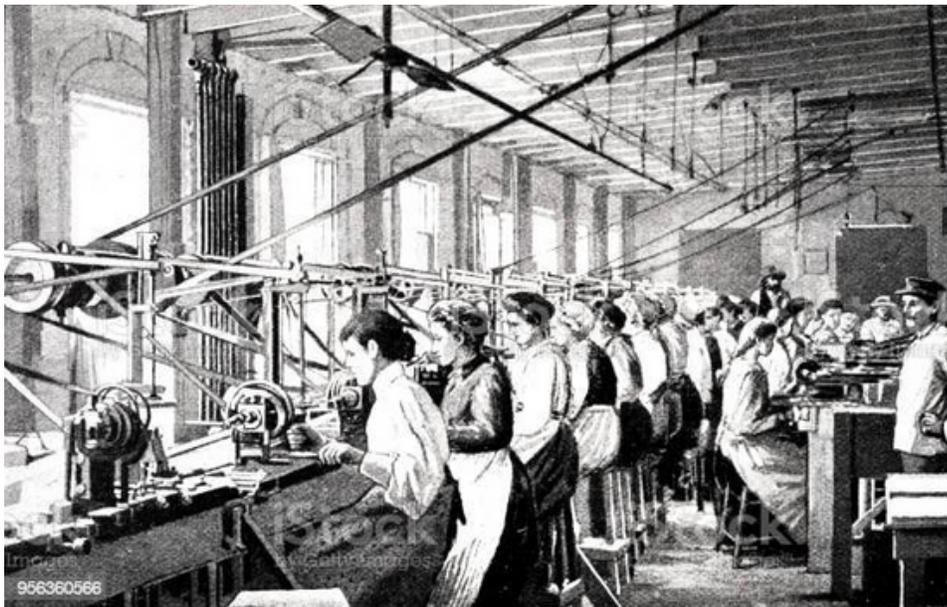




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Industrial Revolution



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Introduction

The **Industrial Revolution** was a time when the manufacturing of goods moved from small shops and homes to large factories.

This shift brought about changes in culture as people moved from rural areas to big cities in order to work.

It also introduced new technologies, new types of transportation, and a different way of life for many

When was it started?

The early part of the Industrial Revolution in the United States took place in the northeast in the New England region. It started with the opening of Slater's Mill in 1793 in Pawtucket, Rhode Island.

Samuel Slater had learned about textile mills growing up in England and brought his knowledge to the United States.

By the end of the 1800s, the United States had become the most industrialized nation in the world

Changes

The Industrial Revolution brought about many **cultural changes**. People living in the country moved to the cities to work in factories. This was a dramatic shift in the way of life for the average person.

Transportation changed dramatically new ways of travel were introduced including railroads, steam boats, and automobiles.

Working conditions changed drastically, people worked long hours and child labor was a common practice.

Interesting Facts

Many early factories were powered by water so they had to be by a river that could turn the waterwheel.

Printers were able to use steam power to print newspapers and books cheaply. This helped more people get the news and learn how to read.

Some of the most important American inventions during the Industrial Revolution included the telegraph, the sewing machine, telephone, cotton gin, the practical light bulb, and vulcanized rubber.



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