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Industrial Revolution Worksheet - part 1

Read the passage and Answer the questions

The Industrial Revolution was worldwide social and economic transformation. Prior to the Industrial Revolution, most goods were manufactured at home or in shops, on a small scale. But during the Industrial Revolution, advances in technology not only moved production into factories, they permanently changed the way people lived their day-to-day lives. The Industrial Revolution began in Great Britain in the late 18th century and lasted for over 100 years. In its first phase, inventions like the cotton gin and the steam engine industrialized the manufacture of textiles and cloth began to be produced in factories. In its second phase, from the mid 19th century to the early 20th century, innovations like electricity, the production line, and the Bessemer steel process enabled companies to begin mass-producing goods. Some of the most radical changes in everyday life took place in the field of transportation. Before the Industrial Revolution, travel was limited to walking, horseback, or boat. The Industrial Revolution brought railroads, steam boats, and the automobile. The Industrial Revolution in the United States began in New England. Samuel Slater, who grew up in England, where he learned about textile mills, opened Slater's Mill in Rhode Island in 1793. Within a hundred years, the United States was leading the world in industrialization. Before the Industrial Revolution, farming was the most common way to earn a living. But factories offered a new form of work, and many people moved from the country into the cities. Overpopulation in the cities came along with poor sanitary conditions and pollution. For many, the quality of life declined. Work conditions, too, were poor. There were no laws to protect workers. Both children and adults worked long hours, often in unhealthy conditions.



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Answer the questions below -

1. During the Industrial Revolution, there were changes in:

- A. society and the economy
- B. manufacturing
- C. transportation
- D. B and C
- E. A, B, and C

2. Where did the Industrial Revolution begin?

- A. New England
- B. Great Britain
- C. America
- D. Rhode Island

3. Which of the inventions below did NOT enable companies to begin massproducing goods?

- A. Cotton Gin
- B. electricity
- C. the production line
- D. Bessemer steel process

4. The Industrial Revolution began in America with:

- A. the Bessemer steel process
- B. Slater's Mill
- C. the invention of the automobile
- D. the steamboat

5. Which of the following is NOT a description of life for most people during the Industrial Revolution?

- A. many people moved from the country into the cities
- B. work conditions were poor
- C. there were no laws to protect workers
- D. cities were clean and healthy places to live



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Industrial Revolution Worksheet - part 2

Domestic vs. Factory production system

Can you guess the questions below -

	DOMESTIC SYSTEM	FACTORY SYSTEM
PLACE OF PRODUCTION Where are goods produced?		
METHODS AND MEANS OF PRODUCTION What tools are used to produce goods?		
OWNERSHIP OF THE MEANS OF PRODUCTION Who owns the tools used to produce goods?		
ROLE OF WORKER IN PRODUCTION What does the worker actually do? What percentage of the finished product is made by an individual worker?		
HOURS OF LABOR How much time does each worker spend producing goods?		
WORKER DEPENDENCE AND INDEPENDENCE Is the worker dependent upon her or his employer? What degree of independence does the worker have?		
WORKER RIGHTS What rights does the worker have?		