

# **The Industrial Revolution**

What is the **Industrial Revolution?**

The Industrial Revolution is a process that rapidly transformed Britain from an agricultural to an industrial country.

**When did it take place?**

**It is a process that is difficult to date exactly. However, we could say that it took place from 1760 to the middle of the 19th century.**

**How was this process possible?**

This process involved the use of **NEW SOURCES OF POWER** (like **coal** and **steam engine**) and also **new important technological inventions.**

**TRANSPORTATION  
and  
COMMUNICATION**

**improved greatly in this period.**



**What about common people?**

**What happened to them?**

**A lot of people**  
**LEFT THE COUNTRYSIDE**  
**and**  
**WENT TO THE CITIES,**  
**which expanded rapidly.**

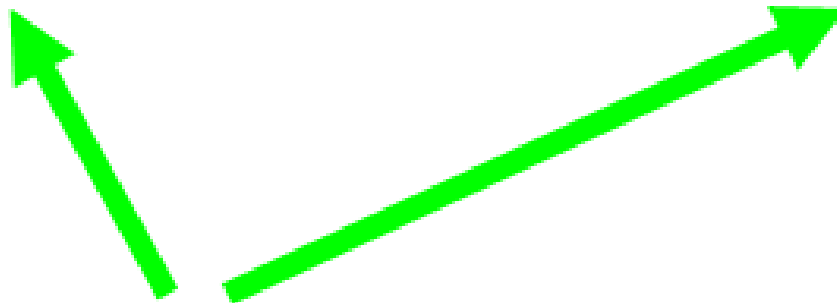
**These people usually lived in conditions of terrible poverty.**

**MEN, WOMEN AND EVEN CHILDREN  
WERE **EXPLOITED** IN FACTORIES AND  
MINES; THEY LIVED IN **SLUMS** ←  
(OVERCROWDED AND POLLUTED  
URBAN AREAS WHERE PEOPLE LIVED  
IN HORRIBLE SANITARY CONDITIONS).**

**EXPLOIT**

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**PEOPLE ARE EXPLOITED WHEN THEY  
OVERWORK AND ARE UNDERPAID.**



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