

The Industrial Revolution

8th Grade

What changed, why it changed, and what it cost.

BEFORE

- Most people farmed
- Goods made by hand at home
- Power from muscle, wind and water
- Most never travelled far
- Population grew slowly

AFTER

- Most people worked in towns
- Goods made in factories
- Power from steam and coal
- Railways moved people and goods
- Population grew rapidly

THE DIFFERENCE THAT MATTERS

It raised output enormously and, at first, made ordinary life harder — long hours, child labour, filthy cities.

Most of what we call modern life dates from this shift, including the problems.