

THE INDUSTRIAL REVOLUTION

The Industrial Revolution was a period that started in 1760s, in Britain (England) but it spread to other European countries, North America and Japan. New machines and forms of transport appeared, such as the steam engine. These machines produced things more quickly than by hand and in bigger quantities.

Factories were built to produce these goods and trains became more important. People like artisans who were working in fields and workshops moved to cities and started to work in factories.

Industrialization resulted in a new class system:

UPPER CLASS:

They were powerful, wealthy and had property. They were the nobility and a new group called the bourgeoisie. The bourgeoisie were the owners of the factories that became rich people.

MIDDLE CLASS:

They were not as wealthy and powerful as the upper class. The middle class included doctors and lawyers.

WORKING CLASS:

The working class included agricultural workers, rural labourers and factory workers. They often worked in very bad conditions and received very little money for their work. Some of them created **unions** and demanded better salaries and conditions.



Questions

1. Where and when did the Industrial Revolution begin?
2. What were the new class system that appeared in the Industrial Revolution? Draw the pyramide
3. Classify these people in the three social classes:
Factory owner, doctor, noble, Factory worker, labourer, lawyer.

Upper class:

Middle class:

Working class:
4. Who were the bourgeoisie?