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The Industrial Revolution

Have you ever wondered what life was like before the invention of railroads, cars, tall buildings, and even packaged goods? Up until the mid-1700s, people worked by hand or used simple machines to make products. New goods took a long time and a lot of hard work to make. But then something changed. People began hearing about new machines being invented and used in big cities. These new machines ran on steam or coal and were able to do work much faster than a person ever could.

Many left their farms and small towns to find work in the city. They wanted to work with these machines and be part of a new way of life. The United States began to grow at a rapid pace. This period in time became known as the Industrial Revolution. It was a time like no other, when huge changes were made to the way people lived and worked.







▲ Thomas Edison

▲ J. P. Morgan

▲ Andrew Carnegie

▲ John D. Rockefeller

▲ Henry Ford

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The Industrial Revolution began in England in the 1700s. By the early 1800s, new ideas about machinery spread to other parts of Europe and then to the United States. People were beginning to demand more products to make their lives easier. To meet the demand, factories had to come up with ways to produce items quickly and cheaply. This led to great new inventions, such as the steam engine. New ways to make iron were also invented, and spinning machines could now make cloth much faster than a person ever could.

The Second Industrial Revolution was the period between 1870 and 1914 when major advances in new technologies took place. Banking, transportation, and ways to communicate all changed during this time. But these changes didn't happen overnight. A lot of very smart, forward-thinking men stepped up to lead the way. Men such as Cornelius Vanderbilt, J. P. Morgan, Andrew Carnegie, John D. Rockefeller, and Henry Ford were pioneers of industry during this time. They came up with new ideas, found great ways to help grow our nation and improve people's lives.



▲ The type of spinning machine used at spinning mills was one much faster than other spinning machines that required workers to operate them.

1870-1914 During the Second Industrial Revolution, inventors are considered an agricultural society. This is because most people lived and worked on farms and in small villages. Transportation was limited, so most cities stayed small in size.

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