

BBC Article: Why the Industrial Revolution Happened in Britain

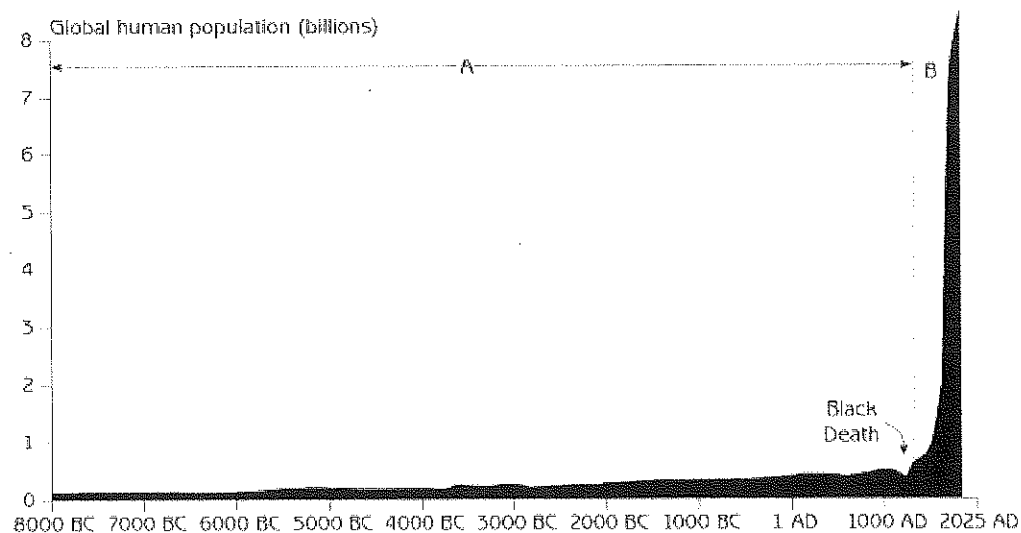
1. How did most people live before the Industrial Revolution?
2. What aspects of life changed because of the Industrial Revolution?
3. The heart of the Industrial Revolution lies in how _____.
4. What had been the main source of energy? What became the new main source of energy?
5. What advantage did Britain have which allowed the Industrial Revolution to start there?
6. What was invented by Thomas Newcomen in 1712? What did this invention do?
7. What was the "intellectual climate" of Britain leading up to the Industrial Revolution? (3 answers)
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8. What did Boulton and Watt invent? What kind of industries used this invention?
10. What kind of economy did Britain have?
11. What revolution provided economic stability in Britain? How did this revolution help Britain economically?
12. Why didn't the Industrial Revolution start in France?

13. When did Britain become the most powerful empire? (There is a very specific reason for this year. Look up the person that Britain defeated in the same year.)

14. What funded the Industrial Revolution?

15. Why were colonial economies so successful?

16. Look up 5 important inventions of the Industrial Revolution. List them below and be prepared to explain why they were important.



17. The Industrial Revolution caused unprecedented population growth. What effects do you think this population explosion had on society, living conditions, etc. List as many as you can think of.