

Focus Questions: “Asia and the Industrial Revolution”

1. Although the author states there might have been a significant “industrial movement” in India (and what makes him say that?), why does he say that there was no Industrial Revolution in India?
2. What evidence does the author give to show that, “...India’s markets in Europe were being eroded ...”?
3. The author uses the term “arrogance of conquest.” What is meant by this? And how did it reflect British attitudes toward India? What caused this arrogance?
4. The author writes that “... although there was no lack of capitalism in India, the economy was not moving in the direction of home grown industrialization ...” What makes him say this? Why was there no industrialization?
5. The author refers many times to India’s shipbuilding industry even commenting that it “... surpassed European nations.” What features of this shipbuilding industry **should have** helped with an Industrial Revolution in India but did not? (see 2nd to last paragraph)