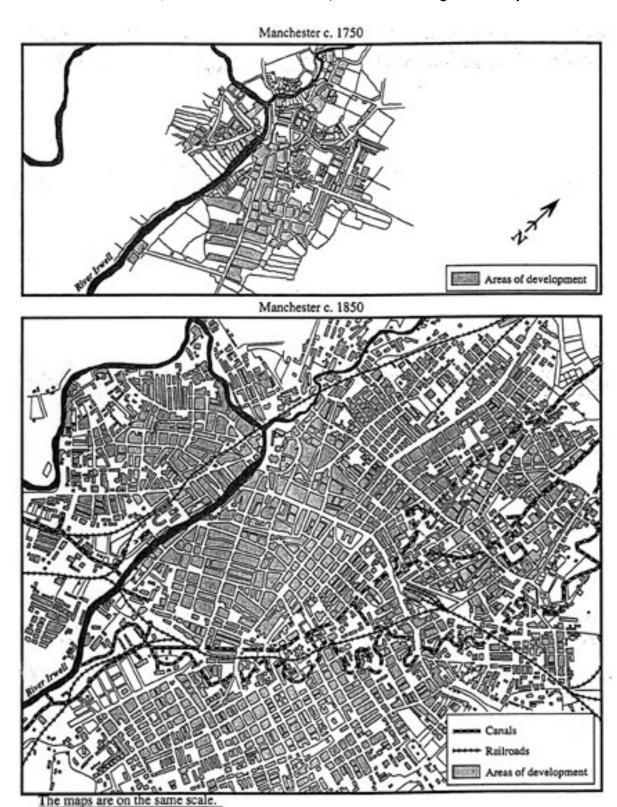
Manchester, England, became a leading textile manufacturing center soon after its first mechanized cotton mill was built in 1780. Its population increased from 18,000 in 1750 to over 300,000 by the census of 1851, much of this made up of the working class and immigrants. In the 1832 Reform Bill, Manchester was granted representation in Parliament and middle class men received the vote. After Queen Victoria's visit in 1851, Manchester was granted a royal charter.



Source: the 1750 map: W.H. Thompson, *History of Manchester to 1852,* 1850's. The 1850 map: Adapted from Ashley Baynton-Williams, *Town and City Maps of*