

AIM: What were the effects of the Industrial Revolution? Were the effects overall more positive or negative?

Task: Using your textbook, pages 825-831, as well as the three other sources: "Early Industrial Society: Progress or Decline?" "The Family and Industrialization in Western Europe" "The Condition of the Working Class in England," fill in the chart below. Then, on the back, write a well crafted introductory thesis paragraph that addresses the quote by Arnold Toynbee.

POSITIVE EFFECTS

The "optimistic historians" tended to look at statistical evidence like the effects on wages, prices, mortality, and standard of living.

NEGATIVE EFFECTS

The "pessimistic historians" tended to look at the psychological, cultural, and social impact on people, as well as standard of living.

TWEDY

Are you an “optimistic” or “pessimistic” historian regarding the impact of the Industrial Revolution?

Regarding the Industrial Revolution, the famous historian Arnold Toynbee once said that it was,
“A period as terrible as any through which a nation ever passed.”

TASK:

Write an **INTRODUCTORY PARAGRAPH** with a **THESIS STATEMENT** identifying whether you agree or disagree with Toynbee’s statement.

In this thesis statement you must also identify/acknowledge the other side of the argument in addition to identifying the one you feel most strongly about. This is to mimic the thesis of a “compare and contrast essay.” To do this you may want to use words such as “although”, “however”, “while”, or “even though”

Make sure that your thesis uses references or broad examples of how the Industrial Revolution was positive or negative.

You should also provide some historical context in your introduction.