

THE HISTORY OF THE INDUSTRIAL REVOLUTION MEDLEY

1. Cottage Industry

We see before us a cottage, nestled snugly into the English countryside. Its thatched roof blends perfectly into the pastoral greens and browns of the valley. The father is outside chopping wood. Inside are his wife and thirteen children. As we peer into the window, we see that everyone is hard at work.

Looking more closely, however, we see that all is not as ideal as we first thought. Dust fills the air. Sanitation is poor. They are terribly crowded. Many of the children are sick.

That is why, when word reaches the valley that a new invention is revolutionizing industry in the cities, the eldest daughter leaves, hoping to find a job in the steam-driven factory.

2. Steam Power

Shooting steam blows in, up, out, down.
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The cylinders rotate the fly wheel
That moves the mighty machine gears.
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Hook up to the energy of Steam Power.
Let it drive your entire factory.
Labor savings found.
Turn your profits around.
Join in the Industrial Revolution.

And then a new invention revolutionized the factory: The Assembly Line...

3. The Assembly Line (In the Factory)

Factory Workers: In the factory,
Workin' all day.
In the factory
We get good pay.

Parts and pieces
Go by all the time.
We work together
On the assembly line.

Eldest Daughter: Hot and sweaty.
Fingers are raw.
Head is poundin'.
My hearings gone.

All: In the fact'ry,
Workin' all day.
Wanna go home now
It's been such a long, long day.

Factory Workers: In the factory,
Workin' all day.

Eldest Daughter: Left the country
To get a good job

All: Just one cog in a wheel
Makes my head throb...

4. Robotics

Then, as time went by, machines were made that could perform more complex tasks. Pretty soon, they were doing whole jobs once performed by several human beings. Some people were lost in the shuffle.

Replaced by robotics:
Machines that do work.

Manufactured products
Computer networks.

Sterile, tireless workers.
Precision. . .all day.

Never making errors;
Requiring no pay.

Come one and all!
The BRAVE NEW WORLD is all around you!

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