

# Reading Guide – Chapter 20

## The Industrial Revolution and Its Impact on Society

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Due: \_\_\_\_\_

1/2 – The Industrial Revolution in Great Britain, pp. 607-616

1. Context: List events and movements that led to the Industrial Revolution in Great Britain. (And just how *did* they lead to the Industrial Revolution?)

2. What effect did the power loom have on handloom weavers?

3. How did James Watt improve upon the steam engine?

4. What happened to British cotton importation between 1760, 1787, and 1840?

What effect did this have on yarn prices?

5. How fast was the Rocket?

6. Using the document on page 614 (Discipline in the New Factories), describe the likely appearance and personality of a man or woman who had worked for five years under the rules of the Berlin Trading Company.

7. Describe the Crystal Palace

What was its purpose?

3 – The Spread of Industrialization, pp. 616-620

1. List six impediments to industrialization on the Continent.

- a.
- b.
- c.
- d.
- e.
- f.

2. List four ways governments encouraged industrialization beginning in the 1830s.

- a.
- b.
- c.
- d.

3. What were the three centers of manufacturing on the Continent?

4. What were some advantages the United States enjoyed over European nations?

4/5/6 – The Social Impact of the Industrial Revolution, pp. 620-633

1. Why did population increase, even as birth rates went down? Give specific causes .

2. Ireland was the only European nation with a declining population in the 19th century. Why?

3. Describe the multitude of problems associated with rapid urbanization in the 19th century.

4. What reforms did Edwin Chadwick advocate for?

5. Who were the new industrial entrepreneurs of the Industrial Revolution?

Why were so many of the new entrepreneurs from religious minorities?

1. In considerable detail, describe the working conditions for the industrial working class. (Be sure to include the work of children in your description.)

2. What was the purpose of trade unions?

How did they go about achieving their goals?

3. What were the goals of the Chartists?

4. What actions did the government eventually take to remedy some of the worst problems of the Industrial Revolution?