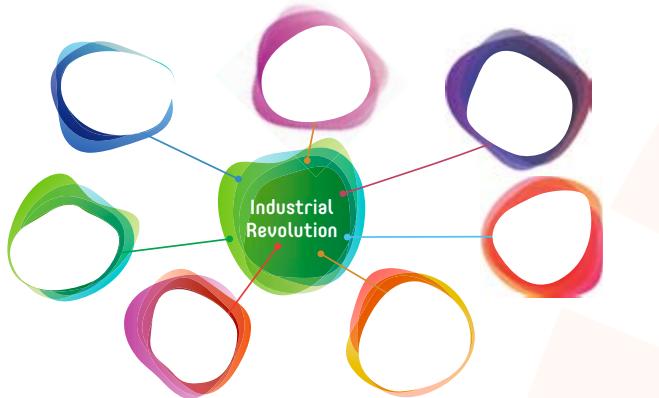




How have society and industry changed?

01 With a classmate, brainstorm words associated with the Industrial Revolution.



02 Read "Throw a Wrench in the Works." Write the paragraph number next to the statement.

1. Unions distributed money to workers who were hurt on the job.

2. Women earned less than men.

3. People broke the law if they joined a labor union.

4. The government and elites didn't want people to organize.

5. Governments forced businesses to protect workers.

6. The Industrial Revolution hurt family and social structures.



Throw a Wrench in the Works

1. The Industrial Revolution impacted society and brought significant changes to industry. These drastic changes eventually led to labor movements.
2. Before factories were created, families lived and worked together as social and economic units. Fewer artisans were needed with the **advent** of more sophisticated machinery, so men left for growing cities to work in factories. Women and children often worked in factories to **supplement** the household income, but were paid less than half the amount that men were. Spending 12 to 16 hours daily in factories left almost no family time, meaning families and society broke down.
3. Conditions were so dangerous and exhausting that workers began to push for change. In the first decades, they tried to organize into trade **unions**, but had little success due to **pushback** from the government and powerful business owners. Workers were fired and replaced with new workers when they would **strike** to gain leverage. For several decades, belonging to workers' organizations became illegal, and they had to go **underground** to survive, if they even did.
4. Unions not only organized workers, but also provided them with protection. Through the collection of dues, unions had money to pay injured workers. If unions hadn't helped, injured workers wouldn't have received any other compensation. Fortunately, by the end of the nineteenth century, governments slowly enacted legislation forcing employers to protect their workers. Unions became legal, and little by little, laws were created, reducing workers' hours, improving their safety, and protecting children.

03 Read the text again. Match the word to its definition.

1. advent	a. to stop working in an attempt to gain something
2. supplement	b. add to; compliment
3. unions	c. resistance; opposition
4. pushback	d. arrival
5. strike	e. in hiding
6. underground	f. an organization of workers

04 With a classmate, discuss how your life would have been different had you lived during the Industrial Revolution.

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Write "C" if the sentences are correct. Write "I" if they are incorrect and correct them.

1. We would still work in dangerous conditions if workers hadn't created unions.
2. If business owners would have threatened unions, they had to go underground.
3. If the Industrial Revolution hadn't occurred, we would still be living on farms.
4. I would went on strike if I were working in unsafe conditions.
5. Homer wouldn't have lost his job if he had been in the union.
6. Nancy is working here if she didn't break her leg.



06

Write the correct form of the verbs in parentheses.

1. If Paul _____ hurt, he _____ a job. (not get / still have)
2. Union organizers _____ in danger if they _____ up for their rights. (not be / not speak)
3. If women _____ as much as men, they _____ fairly compensated. (earn / be)
4. If we _____ during the Industrial Revolution, we _____ a much lower life expectancy. (live / have)
5. Sofia _____ as happy if she _____ during the nineteenth century. (be / live)
6. Vincent _____ at a factory in his hometown if he _____ money to set up his own business. (not work / save)

07

Write the biography of an imaginary person who lived during the Industrial Revolution. Use at least two conditional sentences.

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In a small group, decide if you agree or disagree with the statements below.

- › If the Industrial Revolution hadn't happened, we would be happier now.
- › Children would have had healthier childhoods if factories hadn't been invented.
- › Social structure would be much different if the family structure hadn't been disrupted.
- › If trade unions didn't exist, working conditions would be much worse.