Chapter 22 section 2

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Industrialization

Industrialization changes lives

Factory work

-factories pay more than farms, spur demand for more expensive goods

Industrial cities rise

-urbanization — city building and movement of people to cities
-growing population provides work force, market for factory goods
British industrial cities: London, Birmingham,
Manchester, Liverpool

Living conditions

-sickness widespread; epidemics, like cholera, sweep urban slums
-life span in one large city is only 17 years
-wealthy merchants, factory owners live in luxurious suburban homes
-rapidly growing cities lack sanitary codes, building codes
-cities also without adequate housing, education, police protection

Working conditions

-average working day 14 hours for 6 days a week,
year round
-dirty, poorly lit factories injure workers
-many coal miners killed by coal dust

Class tensions grow

The middle class

-Middle class— skilled workers, merchants, rich farmers, professionals -emerging middle class looked down in by landowners, aristocrats -middle class had comfortable standard of living

The working class

-laborers' lives not improved; some laborers replaced by machines
-luddites, other groups destroy machinery that puts them out of work
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Positive effects of the industrial revolution

Immediate benefits

-creates jobs, enriches nation, encourages
technological progress
-education expands, clothing cheaper, diet and
housing improve
-workers eventually win shorter hours, better wages
and conditions

Long-term effects

-improved living and working conditions still evident today
-governors use increased tax revenues for urban improvements