

Directions for Writing an Editorial on the Industrial Revolution

1. You will assume the role of an English journalist in 1830 to write an editorial in the *London Times* that comments on whether the Industrial Revolution improved life and that suggests ways to address problems created by it.
2. Write your editorial for the citizens of London, who are familiar with the Industrial Revolution but do not know the details of its effects.
 - a. Write a headline that reflects your point of view about the Industrial Revolution.
 - b. Structure your editorial this way:
 - Introduction:** Provide a brief introduction to the Industrial era from 1750 to 1830 and state whether you think the overall effects of the Industrial Revolution on individuals and society are mostly positive, mostly negative, or mixed. *End your introduction with a concrete thesis statement.*
 - Positive effects:** Include a paragraph or section that explains the positive effects of the Industrial Revolution on individuals and/or society.
 - Negative effects:** Include a paragraph or section that explains the negative effects of the Industrial Revolution on individuals and/or society.
 - Suggestions for improvement:** Include a paragraph or section that explains your recommendations about how to address the negative effects of the Industrial Revolution.
 - c. Include a drawing, graph, quote, or cartoon that illustrates one of the main ideas of the editorial.
 - d. Include references to at least six different aspects of the Industrial Revolution in your editorial.
3. Make your editorial about one page in length. Type or write your final draft neatly in ink.