

# 2nd Industrial Revolution

1870-1914



1st Industrial Revolution → early 19th century

2nd Industrial Revolution → till WWI

- UK, USA, Germany, France
- Technological Revolution
- Shift from an agricultural society to an industrial society
- Electrical power
- combustion engine
- machine tools and first “computers”
- synthetic materials



A combination of all these led to AUTOMATION FACTORIES, ASSEMBLY LINE and MASS PRODUCTION

## 2nd Ind. Rev. had an important impact on many aspects

- Increase of productivity → economic growth
- Transport revolution → new means of transport
- Communication revolution → radio, telephone (1876)
- Social changes



## Social Changes

Movement of people to the urban areas because of

- new technologies in agriculture
- new factories looking for workers



new WORKING CLASS →  
unskilled workers, no rights, low  
salaries, terrible conditions



SLUMS → new districts for the  
working class

- overcrowded
- no hygiene
- diseases
- terrible condition

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YGj0xqPXTSw>



# negative consequences

long lasting problems

- pollution
- consumerism
- terrible working conditions
- use and abuse of child labour
- huge gap between rich and poor
- inventions that contributed to WWI



# VICTORIAN AGE

## 1834-1901



Queen  
Victoria

social context

Period of great contradictions, influenced by

- the Queen herself and her life
- the changes caused by the Ind. Rev

SPLENDID ISOLATION (till 1905)

- economic superpower (Great Exhibition - London Underground)
- powerful Empire
  
- no part in international business  
Crimea / India



# AGE OF CONTRADICTIONS

## Victorian Compromise

Industrial development worsened the conditions of the poor → huge gap between rich and poor

The rich (Nobility - Upper-Middle class) lived according to a very strict moral code based on:

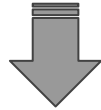
- **Hard work** → success associated with hard work
- **Racial Superiority** → White Man's Burden and Social Darwinism; leaders of European civilization
- **Repression of Sexuality and Enjoyments** → for women and in public
- **Respectability** → mix of sober language, good manners, discipline and morality



# AGE OF CONTRADICTIONS

## Victorian Compromise

*RESPECTABILITY* → *mix of morality and hypocrisy*




- it was a FACADE
- PHILANTHROPY (workhouses) → nobody actually did anything to change things
- FALLEN WOMEN → consequence of sexuality only for women



This moral code didn't reflect the world as it was but as they wanted it to be



Term	Definition/Context
<b>A. SLUMS</b>	1. A mix of morality and <b>hypocrisy</b> .
<b>B. VICTORIAN AGE</b>	2. A long-lasting problem caused by the industrial growth, alongside <b>consumerism</b> .
<b>C. MASS PRODUCTION</b>	3. The era from 1834 to 1901, known as a <b>Period of great contradictions</b> .
<b>D. Respectability</b>	4. The policy that meant the UK took <b>no part in international business</b> .
<b>E. Technological Revolution</b>	5. The core characteristic of the 2nd Industrial Revolution (1870–1914).
<b>F. WWI</b>	6. New districts for the working class that were <b>overcrowded</b> and suffered from <b>no hygiene</b> .
<b>G. Victorian Compromise</b>	7. The result of new technologies like <b>Electrical power</b> and the <b>ASSEMBLY LINE</b> .
<b>H. WORKING CLASS</b>	8. A rigid set of standards based on a <b>strict moral code</b> adopted by the rich.
<b>I. Pollution</b>	9. A new social class composed of <b>unskilled workers</b> who had <b>low salaries</b> .
<b>J. SPLENDID ISOLATION</b>	10. The event that inventions of the era <b>contributed to</b>

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1. The combination of **Electrical power** and the **combustion engine** led to the rise of \_\_\_\_\_ and the **ASSEMBLY LINE**.
  2. The increase of productivity during the 2nd Industrial Revolution directly led to \_\_\_\_\_.
  3. The invention of the **telephone (1876)** and the **radio** were key elements of the \_\_\_\_\_.
  4. The industrial development dramatically worsened the situation for the poor, leading to a \_\_\_\_\_.
  5. The strict moral code, based on **Hard work** and **Respectability**, also included the concept of \_\_\_\_\_ to justify the view of Europeans as **leaders of European civilization**.
  6. The consequences of the rigid **Repression of Sexuality and Enjoyments** were often suffered by the \_\_\_\_\_.
  7. Along with the **use and abuse of child labour**, \_\_\_\_\_ were listed as a long-lasting negative problem of the era



Word Banks: **SLUMS, Respectability, PHILANTHROPY, low salaries, FACADE, Racial Superiority, no hygiene, Hard work, hypocrisy, huge gap between rich and poor, unskilled workers**

<b>Gruppo 1: Victorian Compromise</b>	<b>Gruppo 2: Victorian/Industrial Reality</b>
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