

## American War of Independence - 248

George III ruled for 60 years → long government → in the end he developed a mental illness, which prevented him from ruling

War of independence began in 1775 → some were rebels (Patriots) and with UK (Loyalists)

The declaration of independence was actually not the reality → many people did not have rights

Adam Smith's theory is at the center of capitalism

He also studied the specialisation and division of labor → he anticipated Fordism

The motor of economy is the individual, not the state, by doing his own interests

Adam Smith founded Liberalism

## First Industrial Revolution - 250

It involved Great Britain only → the later ones involved the whole Europe

In addition the first and second were different because of

- time
- countries
- sectors

The first involved the textile sector and transportation

Coal mines were concentrated in the midland and north England

Mushroom towns → cities met to host factory workers

There were no trade unions to defend the rights of workers

Enclosure made farming intensive → at the beginning peasants were in opposition

Newcomen invented and patented the steam engine → it was improved by Watt

The water frame allowed workers to produce stronger threads by applying less physical work. Moreover it allowed the production of 100 percent cotton clothes

During the industrial revolution more and more people started to migrate from the country to mushroom towns

The competition was about how could build the fastest and most reliable locomotive