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Living conditions in the Industrial Revolution really varied. How nice your house and surrounding area was depended on which class you were in. In this leaflet I will explain the living conditions for both the rich and the poor.

Living Conditions for the Poor

As there were lots of people ready to work in factories, factory owners set the wages as low as possible so they made more profit. Because of these greedy entrepreneurs, the employees barely got paid anything (6d - £1.16) so they didn't have enough money to maintain a decent home. As towns near factories needed to house workers, most people got houses which only had 1 - 2 rooms. Because everyone was cramped together in a small place diseases were shared and picked up really quickly. Children who were too young to work had to look

after their siblings and raise themselves while the rest of their family were at work. Due to lots of people moving into towns and cities for work, there weren't enough houses for all the people so most of them ended up homeless or living in ruins of buildings. Houses didn't have fresh running water and it was very hard to keep them clean. Poor children were very lucky if they got a decent education.



Living Conditions for the Rich

However if you were an entrepreneur, successful businessman or part of the royal family life was very different. Rich people often had 3 big houses: 1 in London for socializing, 1 in the countryside for shooting and 1 abroad for holidays in the winter. With the new machinery, business owners could

produce at a cheaper price and sell the item for more. With this new wealth, rich families could build bigger houses and buy better clothes etc. to show off their wealth. This privileged social group enjoyed the luxury that the industrial revolution brought and considered themselves higher than the other groups. These people had enough money to change the factory and living conditions but decided to ignore the situation as they believed that they were more important and should only spend money on their families. The rich were very lazy and had servants to do anything they wanted. The rich children went to the best schools to get educated.

