The Industrial Revolution and Information Age resemble each other from a variety of viewpoints, and they were actually very similar in their contributions to society. The contributions can be attributed to collective innovation from many brilliant inventors, and can all be described as large societal changes that greatly affected the entire populations that they respectively encompassed. The changes that these time periods made all had economic impacts on a global scale. The Industrial Revolution and Information Age brought financial opportunities to individuals who would not have otherwise had such success, creating jobs for these people. Both time periods increased the availability of long-distance communication, encouraging economic discourse and active interaction. The global economy was also greatly changed by the two time periods, and capitalism's progression was reliant on the innovations brought forth by both the Industrial Revolution and the Information Age. Individual inventions were brought together in both time periods to create significant changes in society. The Industrial Revolution and the Information Age are, through the changes that they brought forth, very similar.