

Throughout the duration of this course many topics have been taught and discussed. Many of these topics have been prominent in today's society. An example of this is the Industrial Revolution. The after effects of the Industrial Revolution can be seen today through the vast uses of machines and more effective ways of producing goods or materials throughout the world. There are many themes throughout this course that made some altering decisions in current society however, industrialization had the most important after effects on the world.

The Industrial Revolution was the dawn of industrialization. This period of time shifted society into its current state primarily due to the fact of innovation and global economic growth. Industrialization started with the use of machinery to mass produce goods which in turn made for the inventions of many quality of life improvements. This new form of production helped with the advancement of the global economy through the need for trade and exportation and importation of goods. This new use of the economy led to mass growth worldwide and helped create a landscape for countries to prosper. This can still be seen today. This can be seen due to the mass use of factories and the mass production of goods. Many of the trade agreements and alliances that formed due to the Industrial Revolution can still be seen today. An example of this is seen through the mass product of goods being produced overseas, or in China, and then those goods being shipped to the United States to be sold for a way higher margin. With that being said the economic growth worldwide due to the Industrial Revolution is still very prevalent today. "A high-profile visit from the world famous guru of capitalism was the boost China's 'reformers' needed"(Kien Chp.9). This quote helps to highlight how the

Industrial Revolution helped pave the way for global economic growth through the production of goods and the selling of these goods to other countries. Overall the majority of the Industrial Revolution can still be seen and has made an impact on the current day and present future.

Another topic that has had an impact on today's current landscape is the environment. The environment has shifted vastly throughout the duration of this course. The environment began to change when the industrial revolution started to take place. Before the Industrial Revolution the human effects on the environment were primarily localized in scale with the main damage to the environment being deforestation. This was due to the use of wood as kindling and for production of products and food. With the rise of the Industrial Revolution the use of the environment began to shift with the use of wood starting to slow down and the use of fossil fuels and coal on the rise. This is shown by Wrigley in, "...coal could be substituted as a source of heat energy for all purposes where wood had once been used" (Wrigley 8). With the rise of the Industrial Revolution more land was being used due to the mass Urbanization of many countries globally. Another effect of the Industrial Revolution was the use of other resources such as coal, iron, water, and precious metals were harvested to be used in the new era of Mass Production. Coal was used as the new fuel source for kindling and the production of steam and iron. Iron was used for structural, militarization, and transportational purposes. Iron was one of the most important resources in the Industrial Revolution and the harvesting of it had a lot of effects on the environment due to the process of mining. Water was used for making steam and for cooling purposes for the new factories that produced products that needed cooling. And the harvesting of other precious metals

had a massive impact on the environment due to the use of mining to get them. Another massive effect on the environment due to all of this was the mass rise in the levels of pollution. Pollution started to rise with all the new uses of resources and the burning of coal and the aftermath of the new factories production. The rise of pollution also started to create a rise in global warming. These aftermaths can be seen in today's world with global warming being a major concern in today's society. Some examples of this are the protesting groups focused on fixing global warming and the melting of the icebergs in the arctic region. Another effect that can be seen today is the levels of pollution. Some examples of this are the planting of trees and machines globally to try and filter the air and the laws now surrounding factory waste and the waste of certain things to try and limit the creation of new pollution. Overall the environment has gone through vast changes over the world since 1500.

The readings from Marks and Kien in module six have demonstrated persistent issues or significant changes in world history related to the Industrial Revolution and the environment. Some of these problems brought to light were how the problems with the Industrial Revolution and how it has some serious impacts on the environment. An example of this from the readings is, "The exploitation of coal and the advent of steam power during the Industrial Revolution initiated a new era of environmental change, laying the groundwork for today's climate crisis" (Kien). This quote emphasizes the effects of the Industrial Revolution on the environment and how the aftermath is still being seen today. The Industrial revolution aftermath is still seen in todays society. I the reading this was shown through, "The Industrial Revolution marked a pivotal shift in human history, transforming economies, societies, and the natural landscape in

unprecedented ways”(Kien). This quote shows how the Industrial Revolution transformed the global norm and how we can still see the changes in today’s current landscape. Overall the readings from Marks and Kien in module six have demonstrated persistent issues or significant changes in world history related to the Industrial Revolution and the environment.

Klein readings demonstrate continuity and or change in relation to the neoliberal revolutions of the late twentieth century. Kien’s readings highlight the points of deregulation, economic changes, privatization, and labor concerns in the neoliberal revolution. This is accomplished in the reading by Kien highlighting the ideas of crisis exploitation and shock tactics that take place for the neoliberal agenda to continue to be pushed forward in society. Kien does this by showing the seeds of our environmental crisis were planted during the Industrial Revolution, nurtured by the unchecked growth of the neoliberal agenda (Kien (summary)). Kien states, “Disaster capitalism thrives on our despair, our division, our distraction. The more we are kept apart and in the dark, the more power it has over us”(Kien). This quote shows how the neoliberal issue is not being addressed which in turn is allowing for the properties of it to continue to grow and flourish. Another way Kien portrays this is , “our economic model is at war with life on earth. We can’t change the laws of nature, but we can change our broken economy”(Kien). This quote shows how the neoliberal economy hurts and affects environmental sustainability. All of these quotes show how Kien readings demonstrate continuity and or change in relation to the neoliberal revolutions of the late twentieth century.

I believe that the most significant continuity or change related to the industrial revolution and the environment that the contemporary reader ought to know about is how the industrial revolution changed the world in a magnitude of ways and how these changes have hurt the environment in many ways that the repercussions of such are still being seen today. I believe that the contemporary reader needs to understand that the Industrial Revolution did a lot of good to the global scene with the growth in the economy and opening up a global trade market, however the industrial revolution also had a lot of negative effects on the environment and its survivability. I believe that the reader needs to know the damage done to the environment through mining and the rise of pollution and how the world is still recovering from it today. The reader should know about the ongoing global warming crisis and how we are combating pollution. This all started due to the Industrial Revolution and the effects of which are still seen today. That is why I believe that this is the most significant continuity or change that the contemporary reader should know about. Overall this is the reason that we have such an advanced society however, this also shows that we are slowly murdering our home, Earth.