

# John Nef notes

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John Nef provides a richly detailed history of the early English Industrial Revolution; the central story is the rise of the coal industry; this had many important growth and institutional effects.

The essences of Nef's history start in Elizabethan England with general deforestation; both sheep and people are the protagonists. Population was rising, which put increasing pressure on increasingly scarce wood resources consumed in both domestic and industrial heating. Wool demand rose, due to increased export demand (the "new draperies") and increase domestic demand. More and more valuable sheep led to the enclosure movement, which further reduced available land for wood.