

Industrial Revolution effects

Document 3: An excerpt from William Cooper's testimony before the Sadler Committee in 1832.

Sadler: What is your age?

Cooper: I am eight and twenty.

Sadler: When did you first begin to work in mills?

Cooper: When I was ten years of age.

Sadler: What were your usual hours of working?

Cooper: We began at five in the morning and stopped at nine in the night.

Sadler: What time did you have for meals?

Cooper: We had just one period of forty minutes in the sixteen hours. That was at noon.

Sadler: What means were taken to keep you awake and attentive?

Cooper: At times we were frequently strapped. [beaten]

Sadler: When your hours were so long, did you have any time to attend a day school?

Cooper: We had no time to go to day school.

Sadler: Can you read and write?

Cooper: I can read, but I cannot write.

Analysis questions- please use at least 2 complete sentences in your response.

1. What are three observations you notice about the testimony that Cooper gives?
2. What is one inference (conclusion) you can make from this testimony that Cooper gives?
3. Does this source present a positive or negative view of the Industrial Revolution? Why?

Document 4: Excerpt from Charles Knight's *The Working Man's Companion* subtitled *The Results of Machinery, Namely Cheap Production and Increased Employment* published in 1831

You are surrounded... with an infinite number of comforts and conveniences which had no existence two or three centuries ago and those comforts are not used by a few, but are within reach of almost all men. Every day is adding something to your comforts. Your houses are better built, your clothes are cheaper, you have an infinite number of domestic [home] utensils. You can travel cheaply from place to place and not only travel at less expense, but travel ten times quicker than almost two hundred years ago.

Analysis questions- please use at least 2 complete sentences in your response.

1. Observe the title of this book. What is the purpose it was published for?
2. What are three key phrases you observe from the text? Why are they important?
3. Does this source present a positive or negative view of the Industrial Revolution? Why?