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SCREENPLAY ASSIGNMENT

COSTS & BENEFITS OF INDUSTRIAL REVOLUTION



Particularly in the early years of the Industrial Revolution, the benefits and costs of industrialization and urbanization were unevenly distributed. The middle and upper class enjoyed nearly all of the benefits while the working class was burdened with almost all of the costs. After reviewing the image of the struggle between the people working in factories and coal mines during the Industrial Revolution and those benefitting from cheap labor, lower prices and technological advances, write a screen play where each group’s experiences are talked about in a conversation between someone from the lower class and someone from the middle/upper class. Create names and a back story for each character. (Please see example below.) **This conversation needs to convey the benefits and costs resulting from the changes launched by the Industrial Revolution.**

1) To help get ideas for the screenplay, record answers to all of the following questions including **EVIDENCE**:

a) What are the **BENEFITS** of industrialization? Be specific by including **EVIDENCE** from class notes, the benefits/costs chart, textbook notes, additional research, etc.

b) What are the **COSTS** of industrialization? Be specific by including **EVIDENCE** from class notes, the benefits/costs chart, textbook notes, additional research, etc.

c) Brainstorm a list of words that describe what is it like working in the factories and coal mines?

d) Why must labor costs be kept low in order for the benefits of industrialization to be achieved?

e) Brainstorm a list of words that describe what is it like living in urban settings?

2) Lay out the main topics and the order they will be covered in your screenplay conversation:

a.

b.

c.

d.

3) Write a screenplay with a conversation between a member of the lower class and a member of the middle/upper class that incorporates the answers to the above questions and that a) is conversational, b) does not merely list information, c) contains a persuasive tone, and d) reflects bourgeoisie and proletariat perspectives throughout the conversation.

Sample:

Beatrice Smith: (Moved off the farm five years ago after the common area was fenced and recently is employed at a textile factory in London.)

Fredrick Jones: (Used capital gained from recent investments to build a steel mill in London.)

Beatrice: Mr. Jones, I see you are building a steel mill. How many shifts will you be running and what hours do you plan on operating? My son is in need of a job.

Fredrick: Yes, initially, we will run two 10 hour shifts six days a week. This new Bessemer Process . . .

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