

The steam engine was one of the most important inventions of the Industrial Revolution. It was a source of power that could be used to drive machinery, enabling the mass production of goods. This made it possible for goods to be produced more quickly and efficiently, which led to lower prices and increased availability of a wide range of products (Y. Kitsikopoulos 27). The steam engine also made it possible for industries to be located away from sources of water power, which allowed for the growth of cities and the development of new forms of transportation, such as trains and steamboats (R. Thurston 147). Overall, the invention of the steam engine had a profound impact on society and played a key role in driving economic growth and development.

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