

WOULD YOU RATHER?

Purpose

Using evidence to answer questions about the spread of the Industrial Revolution will help you weigh the impacts of industrialization on different groups of people.

Process

1. Would you rather write an essay comparing industrialization in different parts of the world, or play a few rounds of “Would You Rather?”
Thought so! There are seven “Would You Rather?” questions below. If you’re working alone, choose any **five** questions to answer in writing. Be sure to support your decision with evidence from this lesson. If you’re working with a partner, take turns asking one another a question at random until you’ve answered all seven. Make sure you’re supporting your decisions with evidence in your discussion.

Question 1: Would you rather have been a small farmer during a time of industrial change in England, the Americas, Egypt, or Japan? How might your livelihood have been affected in each place?

Response	
Evidence	

Question 2: Would you rather have worked in a factory in England, the Americas, Egypt, or Japan during industrialization? Which environment do you think would have offered better conditions for workers? Why?

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Question 3: Would you rather have been a woman experiencing the effects of industrialization in England, the Americas, Egypt, or Japan during industrialization? How might your opportunities have been different in each place?

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Question 4: Would you rather have owned a business in England, the Americas, Egypt, or Japan during industrialization? Which location would have offered more growth potential? Why?

Response	
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Question 5: Would you rather have been part of the upper class in England, the Americas, Egypt, or Japan during a period of industrialization? How do you think industrialization would have affected your status and influence?

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Question 6: Would you rather have been a young adult looking for education and career opportunities during industrialization in England, the Americas, Egypt, or Japan? Which country might have offered more chances for advancement? Why?

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Question 7: Would you rather have lived in a rural village in England, the Americas, Egypt, or Japan as cities grew due to industrialization? How might your community have been transformed?

Response	
Evidence	