

“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

Would you rather write an essay comparing industrialization in Egypt and Japan, 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 **three** questions to answer in writing, and 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 still supporting your decisions with evidence in your discussion.

- Would you rather be a small farmer during a time of industrial change in Egypt or Japan? How might your livelihood be affected in each place?

- Would you rather work in a factory in Egypt or Japan during industrialization? Which environment do you think would offer better conditions for workers?

- Would you rather be a woman experiencing the effects of industrialization in Egypt or Japan? How might your opportunities be different in each place?

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- Would you rather own a business during Egypt’s industrial changes or Japan’s industrial expansion? Which situation would offer more growth potential?

- Would you rather be part of the upper class in a country like Egypt or Japan during a period of industrialization? How do you think industrialization would affect your status and influence?

- Would you rather be a young adult looking for education and career opportunities during industrialization in Egypt or Japan? Which country might offer more chances for advancement?

- Would you rather live in a rural village in Egypt or Japan as cities grow due to industrialization? How might your community be transformed?