Industrial Revolution Study Guide

1. What does industrialization mean? Why is it important?

2. What improvements were made to agriculture during the IR and what effects did they have?

3. How did the factory system develop and work? Why is it important?

4. What were the reasons the Great Britain was the leader of the Industrial Revolution?

5. What were the obstacles that the rest of the European continent had to overcome?

6. How did textile manufacturing change during the Industrial Revolution?

7. What were the effects of the industrialization of textiles?

8. What is the steam engine why may it be the most important invention of all time?

9. What are sole proprietorships and partnerships? What are the advantages and disadvantages of these forms of business?

10. What is limited liability and why is it important?

11. What is a corporation and why would someone stare one? How did they grow and expand?

12. Why was the invention of the railroad so significant?

13. What problems developed with the growth of cities?

14. Describe the general working conditions in European factories? Why would people take these jobs?

15. What was the economic role of children in the industrial revolution?

16. What role did the middle class play in the industrial revolution?

17. How did workers react to the working conditions they found? Were they successful in these reactions?

18. What is Marxism and why is it important?

19. What is the significance of the invention of the blast furnace?

20. Why was Thomas Edison known as the "Wizard of Menlo Park"?

21. How did Henry Ford change industrial production for all time?

22. What economic opportunities were available to women and what obstacles did they have to overcome?

23. How and why did education change in the late 19th and early 20th century?

24. What new forms of entertainment emerged at the turn of the previous century? Why are they significant?