

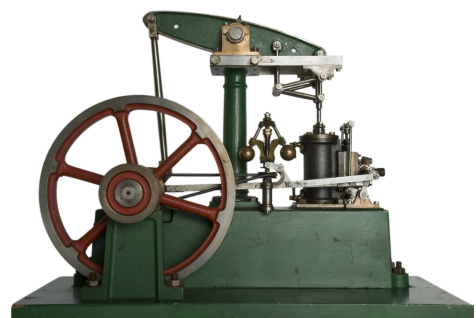
Y4 HISTORY KNOWLEDGE ORGANISER: **WAS THE BRITISH INDUSTRIAL REVOLUTION A GOOD THING?**

Key Words

Empire	A number of nations controlled by one country.	Revolution	An important change.
Poverty	Being extremely poor.	Parliament	A group of people who make or change laws.
Goods	Things that are produced.	Industry	Makes goods or services.
Economy	The process that goods or services are made, sold and bought in a country.	Agriculture	Farming.

Key Ideas

- **The Victorian era is the name given to Queen Victoria's reign. It was a time of significant technological, scientific, economic and social change. New inventions and discoveries were made that changed how people lived, how they worked and how they spent their leisure time.**
- The British Empire grew, and Britain came to rule over a quarter of the world's population.
- These changes brought immense wealth for many, but lots of people, including many children, still lived in terrible poverty. Many children worked in mines and factories in poor conditions.
- However, the Victorian era also saw lots more children attending school and significant progress in medicine and health care.
- The Industrial revolution saw new inventions, like the steam engine, completely change the way people lived and worked. They were used to power mills and transport goods across the UK.
- The invention of the Spinning Jenny revolutionised the way cotton was made.
- These inventions improved the economy and created more jobs which in turn, improved the quality of life of communities.
- Agriculture was no longer the main source of work and people moved out of the countryside to the growing urban areas to find work.



How do we know about the British Industrial Revolution?

- There are lots of pictures & accounts that were written at the time about the Industrial Revolution that we can use as evidence about what it was like and what change it caused.
- There are lots of artefacts and buildings from the time (primary evidence) that we can use as evidence such as Quarry Bank Mill built in 1774 to spin cotton.



