**Industrial Revolution: Document Based Question**

**Prompt**: How did the advent of the Industrial Revolution affect the average worker in this time period?

Thesis Statement

1. The advent of the Industrial Revolution affected the average worker of the time period by increasing the danger and chance of injury.

2. The Industrial Revolution is viewed as a positive and a negative thing because of the way it affected workers.

3. Based on the following documents the responses to the Industrial Revolution were both positive and negative.

4. Based on the following information, I would say that industrialization in Great Britain had a negative impact on the workers during this time period.

5. In regards to labor, the advent of the Industrial Revolution affected the average worker in both positive and negative ways in this time period.

Showing Understanding and Point of View

1. In document 3, Andrew Ure points out a positive aspect of the Industrial Revolution. He thought that the children he saw were happy and that they thrived while working in the factories. Even though Andrew Ure says that children are doing well, he could have been holding back some of the truth or not have been completely honest. Because Ure was writing about manufacturers, there might have been pressure placed on him to make sure the book did not hurt the factories reputation.

2. Document 5 states that all of the workers were fed, clothed, and educated. The author says that only 14 children have died in the mill. The point of view in document five is a pamphlet written in response to all of the negativity that has been published about industrialization.

3. Doc 9 is a pic of the slums.

4. Document 9, an image, depicts the negative impact of industrialization as it shows compacted living conditions and a large amount of smoke/pollution from the factories drifting towards their homes. The author is clearly trying to point out the flaws with the system of industrialization and is likely hoping that, by showing it visually, he can help spread the word about these issues.

5. Doc 7 talks about how every town has a set of slums, which are completely run down. The rivers are turning black from pollution caused by factories. The POV is negative.

Additional Document

1. It would be beneficial to see a graph showing the amount of workers that were injured or killed over the course of the Industrial Revolution by machines in factories. This would be helpful because it would provide unbiased data about one of the major points argued by supporters and their opponents. Many supporters say that only a few workers died, while those against industrialization claim that too many lost their lives.

2. I feel an additional document from a child would aid the article. A view from a child would give us a new perspective about what it was really like.

3. One point of view that is missing is that of a factory owner. It would be beneficial to know his feelings and thoughts about what happened in his mill, including the terrible working conditions and children dying while working with machines.

4. An additional document that would be beneficial would be a chart that showed who benefited from the industrial revolution and who did not benefit from it. This chart would help prove or disprove many of the points made in the documents.

5. I would like to see an additional document, possibly a diary or letters of correspondence, from a housewife during this time who has a son and a husband both working in the factories. This would give us excellent insight into how the workers lives were affected by industrialization because this woman could tell us the changed that her family went through and whether the benefits outweighed the cost.

6. It would be beneficial to hear from document 5. Although it said that the children were taken care of by a man who runs the mill, it is a given that 14 children died over the course of 12 years. While the intent of this is to provide background on the factories safety, it can be used to support the thesis as it proved evident for the fact that more children have died in the mills, which was previously stated in an earlier document, therefore supporting said thesis as it gives reason to why the health and safety of the workers was put at risk

7. An additional document would be useful if it were a diary entry from a man or woman who worked at the mills on a daily basis. This is because I could be able to know the unaffected, raw thoughts of an everyday factory worker and see what the conditions were really like.

8. I would like to see an additional document where a worker said that they directly benefitted from the Industrial Revolution. Not a politician, an actual worker from the factories. All of the other workers talk about being abused and mistreated, none said anything positive about the process of industrialization, those accounts came from outside sources. I would like to see an interview where the worker talked about the positives of the Industrial Revolution.