THE REFORM MOVEMENTS OF THE INDUSTRIAL REVOLUTION

What were some of the major issues that these reformers fought for?
What did the world look like as the Industrial Revolution continued?

- The Industrial Revolution shifted the balance of power in the world
  - Increase of wealth & power in industrialized countries
    - Europe / US
  - Decrease in wealth & power in non-industrialized countries
    - Africa / Asia / Latin America
The Industrial Reform Movement was a group of activists, who wanted to correct some of the “bad” effects of the Industrial Revolution.

- What were some of them?

Main goal = Make society better for the poor and working classes.

- Influenced by the example of the Enlightenment
Why did this reform movement start?

- As the Industrial Revolution grew, many saw a gap forming between the “upper” and the “lower” classes
  - Rich were getting richer
  - Poor were getting poorer

- Believed government should play a larger role in helping people & controlling the economy
Development of the “factory culture”
Stereotype of the Factory Owner
“Upstairs”/“Downstairs” Life
Factory Workers at Home
When and where did the movement begin?

- The movement started out in Great Britain
  - Why here?

- Quickly spread to other areas of Europe and the United States
  - 1840’s-1900’s
Who were some of the major reformers of this era?

- **Laissez-faire Capitalists**
  - Adam Smith
  - David Ricardo

- “Laissez-faire”
  - A lack of interference in the economy

- Government should not interfere with the economy
  - Should let the economy work things out on its own
Adam Smith’s “Invisible Hand”
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- **The Utilitarianism Movements**
  - Jeremy Bentham
  - John Stewart Mills

- The government action should promote policies that do the most good for the most people
  - Little government involvement
  - People should be free to pursue their own interests
  - Profits (wealth) should be equally regulated
New Harmony, Indiana

George Rapp tried to create Utilitarian communities in Pennsylvania and Indiana
Old Economy Village, PA
Jeremy Bentham’s Body
Jeremy Bentham’s Real Head
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- **The Socialist Movement**
  - Charles Fourier

- Believed government should control certain factors of the economy
  - Factories, mills, railroads, etc.

- Government ownership would help workers & eliminate greedy business owners
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- **The Marxist Movement**
  - Karl Marx
  - Frederich Engels

- More radical form of Socialism w/ a 3-step plan:
  1. Believed in a war between the classes
  2. “Temporary dictatorship”
  3. Eventually would lead to a classless, more equal society
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- **The Union Movement**
  - Unions were voluntary associations who represent workers in labor disputes
    - Shorter work hours
    - Better wages
    - Safer conditions
  - Believed workers had a right to have a say in their particular trade / occupation
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- **The Abolition Movement**
  - William Wilberforce
  - Pushed for the abolishment of the slavery / slave trade

- **Other reform movements:**
  - Public Education
  - Women’s Rights
  - Prison reforms
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