

Name _____

Industrial Then And Now Answer Key

Example responses may include:

Industrial Practices

- Late 1800s: Mass production begins; factories rely on human labor; assembly lines introduced
- Today: Advanced robotics and automation; global supply chains; faster production and distribution

Worker Rights & Conditions

- Late 1800s: Low wages; long hours; dangerous conditions; child labor common; few worker protections
- Today: Labor laws; minimum wage; workplace safety standards; unions; protections for minors

Technology

- Late 1800s: Telephones new; light bulbs replacing candles; steam engines; typewriters
- Today: Smartphones; computers; electricity everywhere; internet; cars and aircraft widely available

Reflection questions should show understanding that:

- Progress over time was driven by innovations, laws, and social change
- Some systems from the Industrial Revolution remain foundational today

Teacher's Guide

- Create a class brainstorm before completing the chart
- Provide vocabulary support (e.g., "automation," "union," "labor reform," "industrialization")
- Encourage students to interview an older adult and add a real-life technology comparison

Extension Ideas:

- Compare a factory photo from the 1890s versus today and annotate differences
- Build a timeline of major industrial innovations
- Connect to current topics such as automation, artificial intelligence, or globalization