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Factory Flow

Directions: Read the background text about Henry Ford's assembly line. Then complete the chart and questions using evidence from the text. Write clearly and in full sentences.

The Assembly Line

In 1913, Henry Ford introduced a new production method called the assembly line. Instead of one worker building an entire product, each worker focused on one quick and repeated task as the product moved past on a moving belt. This system allowed cars to be built faster and sold at lower prices so more Americans could afford them. However, workers often found the work boring and exhausting because they repeated the same motion all day, every day. While consumers gained cheaper cars, many workers faced long hours and little creativity in their jobs.

Fill in three pros and three cons for each group based on the passage.

Impact on Workers (Pros)	Impact on Workers (Cons)

Impact on Consumers (Pros)	Impact on Consumers (Cons)

1. Which group benefited more from the assembly line: workers or consumers? Explain why using evidence from the passage.
2. Do you think the assembly line was a good idea overall? Provide at least two reasons to support your opinion.