



4 Best Changes for Women in the Industrial Revolution

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Politics, Protest, and Laws

- The suffrage movement began in 1848 during the Womens Rights convention in New York. This movement was to show how much women have suffered at the feet of men. There were lots of protests for equality, workplace rights, and voting rights. In the early 1900 the government extended rights to women. On February 2nd, 1918 women were given the right to vote, and on July 2nd, 1928 women could stand in elections. There were some important women involved in the change for equal rights. Emma Willard, Susan B. Anthony, Elizabeth Cady Stanton. Two were from Britain, Nancy Langhorn Astor, and Elizabeth Garrett Anderson.



Jobs, Workplace

- Some common jobs for women were working as maids to wealthy families or working as a governess to teach rich children. These women were more fortunate. The less fortunate worked in factories and mills. Women under twenty worked more predominantly. They usually worked the Water Frame or the Spinning Jenny. They worked long hours and could only take a break when their bosses or masters allowed them to. Women began to take over most male jobs, these women seemed more masculine and unfit to become a wife or a mother.



Education

- Education was a good thing for women because before it was offered to them, they didn't know how to read or write. England couldn't thrive without educational support. Lots of women went into the medical field offering more support to hospitals like the one founded by Elizabeth Anderson, staffed by women. Some of the best writers we know are women. If there was no education for women to learn how to read and write then we wouldn't get to experience so many great stories today, from fiction to true stories.



Opportunity and Independence

- Women gained a lot of independence from the industrial revolution, by working in factories and mills. They ended up with lots of opportunity. They gained experience and work ethic, but also gained independence, showing they don't work for men but for themselves. Lots of women used to work for people but now they are running business and making a difference in the world.

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