

Task: Please link the factors in the way they influenced each other.

The key contributing factors of the Industrial Revolution in Britain 1750-1850

Agricultural Revolution:

- steady increase in food production
- more food for people in the towns
- less workers needed on the land
- workers set free for factory jobs

Inventors:

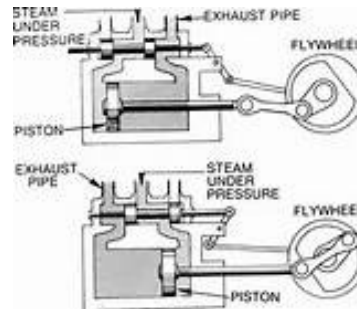
- 18th / 19th centuries: many ingenious British inventors (Cort, Watt, Hargreaves, Kay, Bessemer, etc.)

Finance:

- much private money available for industrial projects (made in overseas trading and in agriculture)
- development of the Bank of England

Empire:

- colonies as suppliers of raw materials and as buyers of British products



Population:

- increase in population 1750-1870
- increasing market for products;
- supply of factory workers

Circumstance of trade:

- no wars on British soil
- one central government
- no internal tax barriers

Energy and mineral resources:

- freely available water power
- rich in coal mines
- rich in iron ore (close to coalfields)

Transport:

- proximity to the sea
- canals + navigable rivers
- later: quick development of a railway network
- later: construction of iron ships