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The Agricultural, Consumption, and Industrial Revolutions Activity Sheet

DIRECTIONS:

1. Be a demanding reader as you go about reading (1) p. 528-533 in the Kagan Text and (2) Heilbroner's "England the First to Industrialize" p. 91-93 in the Sherman Text.
2. You will be assigned a set of questions below to answer and discuss in your small groups. Take good, detailed notes as you will be required to share your information in your new groups in the second-half of the activity.
3. Complete the summary question in your final grouping.

TASKS:

A) The Revolution in Agriculture, p 528-531

1. What caused the Agricultural Revolution?
2. What was the main goal of the peasants? How did this influence the Agricultural Revolution?
3. List each of the technical innovations in the area of agriculture. How did each help to change European Agriculture?
4. How did the English aristocracy contribute to the Agricultural Revolution?
5. What were some of the reason for the peasant revolts in Europe in the 18th century?
6. Why was there limited improvements in Eastern Europe?

B) The Industrial Revolution of the 18th Century and Revolution in Consumption, p. 531-534.

1. What factors help explain the increase in Europe's population in the 18th century?
2. What were the effects of the population explosion?
3. How did the population growth contribute to changes in consumption?
4. What caused the industrial revolution of the 18th century?
5. How did the consumer contribute to the Industrial revolution?
6. Why did Great Britain take the lead in the industrial revolution? Which reason was most important?

C) Heilbroner's "England the First to Industrialize" p. 91-93

1. Why did the Industrial Revolution originally take place in England and not on the continent?
2. Who or what does Heilbroner stress as being the most significant reason for the Industrial Revolution's beginnings in England?
3. What disadvantages did England have to overcome to industrialize?
4. Why were countries on the continent, like France, Belgium, and the Netherlands, slower to industrialize despite their prosperity and richness in resources?

SUMMARY QUESTION:

1. What advancement do you feel was most important in establishing a foundation for the Industrial revolution....the revolution in agriculture or consumption? Explain your selection with detail.