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Industrial Change and the Struggle for Voting Rights

Industrial Revolution

- 0 First Industrial Revolution
 - 0 1750-1850
 - 0 Rural, agricultural -> Urban, industrial
- 0 Second Industrial Revolution
 - 0 1850-1914



Struggle for Voting Rights

Male Suffrage

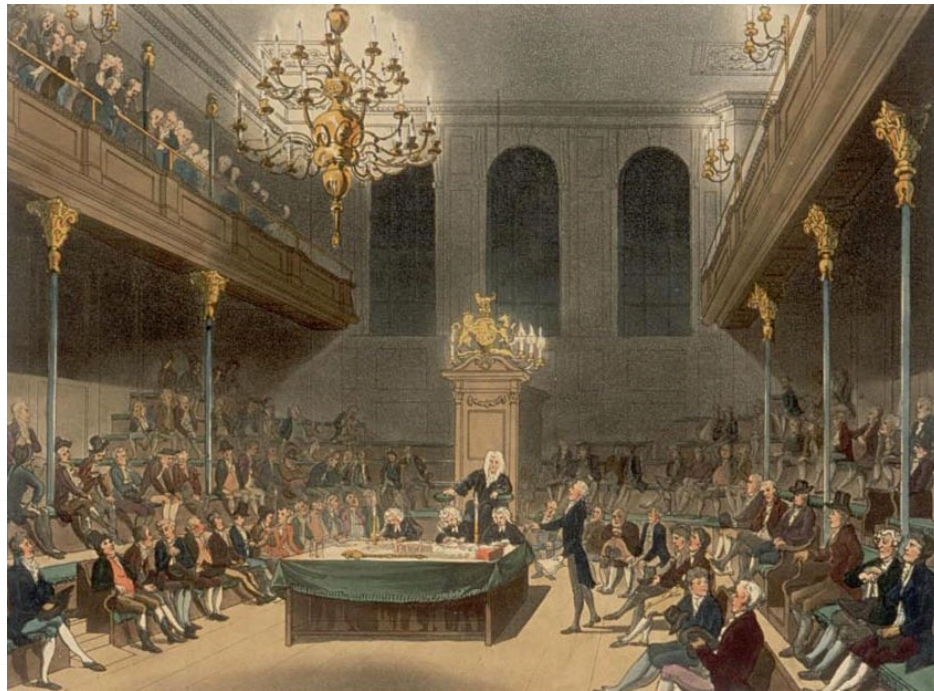
- Before 1832, the right to vote depended on gender, property, and location.
- 1832 Reform Act extended the franchise so that more men could vote

Women's Suffrage

- Women came together under National Union of Women's Suffrage Societies (NUWSS) and campaigned for women's right to vote.
- Representation of the People Act 1918

Regime

- 0 Constitutional Monarchy
- 0 Power of government → Parliament



Economy

0 Late 18th – 19th Century

- 0 Agrarian -> Industrial

- 0 Manual -> Machine-based

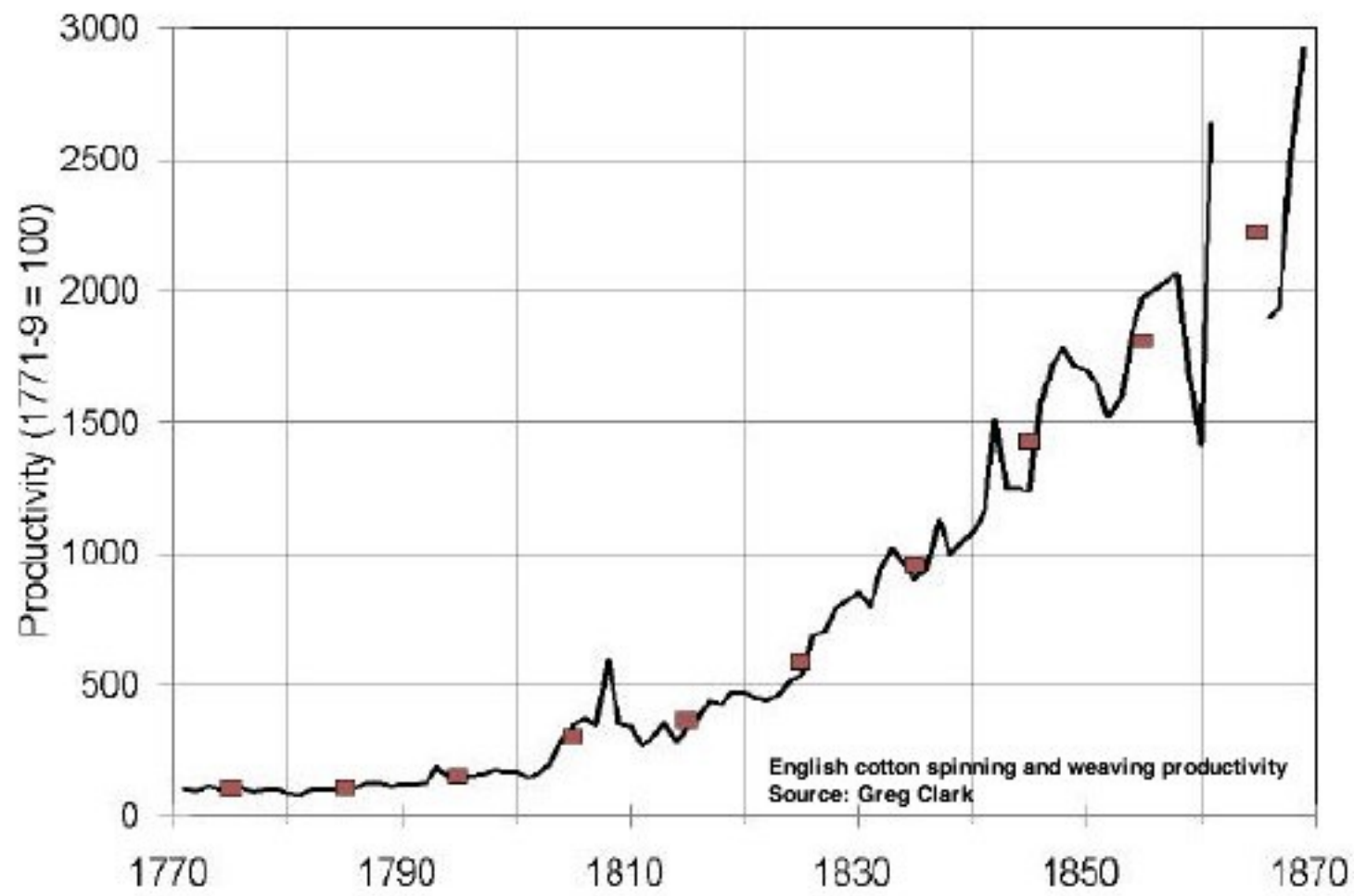
- 0 Dramatic increase in productivity

- 0 Rejection of Mercantilism and acceptance of industrial capitalism

0 Late 19th Century

- 0 Industrial capitalism -> Finance capitalism

- 0 Technological advance + mass-production



Queen Victoria

- 0 20 June 1837- 22 January 1901
- 0 Traditional legitimacy
- 0 Charismatic Legitimacy



Queen Victoria's Politics and Ideology

0 Politics

- 0 Ardent supporter of Whig Party

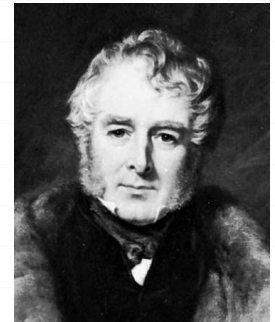
- 0 Influence of the Prime Minister, Lord Melbourne

0 Ideology

- 0 Conservative

- 0 Against Gender Equality

- 0 “God created men and women different—then let them remain each in their own position.” (Queen Victoria, Letter 29 May 1870)



How did it change?

0 Industrial Revolution

- 0 Steady growth of national wealth and expansion of the empire
- 0 Questionable living standards & working conditions
 - 0 Sewage & water systems
 - 0 Child laborers
- 0 Creation of a new class of people



How did it change?

0 Voting Rights

- 0 Involvement of women in the war
- 0 Women proved themselves equal to men in the workplace
- 0 Widened the franchise



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