INDUSTRIAL REVOLUTION - eps. 4

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In the 19th century, England was at the very heart of innovation and was about to become the world's largest industrial power.
In order to run steam engines, coal became an essential resource for the development of the economy and entire regions were transformed in just a few decades. South Wales became one of the country's main coal basins. Villages developed around the mines from where coal was delivered to England and the rest of the world.

Railways were built with its tunnels and bridges. This incredible transformation of the land went hand in hand with an economic boom in cities such as Leeds, Birmingham, Liverpool or Manchester, where factories were built and attracted a new class of workers. They moved from the countryside into neighbourhoods with their rows of modest houses, set back to back, that have come to be recognized today as "typically British"...

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