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## The Impact of the Industrial Revolution on Agriculture and Farming Practices

### Open-Ended Response Answer Key

1. The advantages of mechanization in agriculture included increased productivity, efficiency, and reduced labor requirements. However, it also led to job displacement for farm laborers and required significant investments in machinery.
2. The Enclosure Movement transformed agricultural landscapes by consolidating land holdings and displacing small-scale farmers. While it resulted in more efficient farms, it also caused social dislocation and the loss of common lands.
3. Crop rotation and selective breeding were significant in improving agricultural productivity. Crop rotation allowed for better soil fertility and pest control, while selective breeding led to stronger and more productive livestock.
4. Transportation networks had long-term impacts on agriculture by enabling farmers to access distant markets, expand their customer base, and increase agricultural production to meet the demands of growing populations.

