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Hardships of the Industrial Revolution: Working Conditions and Labor Struggles

Short Answer Key

1. Factory workers often worked up to 12 to 16 hours a day, six days a week, in dangerous and exhausting conditions.
2. Workers faced dangers from hazardous machinery, including gears, belts, and heavy equipment.
3. Low wages led to widespread poverty among workers and their families, making it challenging to meet basic needs.
4. Child labor was prevalent, with children subjected to long hours and harsh conditions in factories. Families relied on their children's income.
5. Early labor movements were significant in advocating for better wages, shorter working hours, and workplace safety. They set the stage for future labor reforms.

