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Hardships of the Industrial Revolution: Working Conditions and Labor Struggles

Open-Ended Response Answer Key

1. Long working hours took a toll on workers' physical health and limited their time for rest and family life. Socially, it disrupted traditional family dynamics, as parents and children often worked long hours, leaving little time for education or leisure.
2. Child labor exploited young workers, exposing them to dangerous conditions. It also strained family dynamics, as children were forced to contribute to the family income. Society gradually recognized the need for child labor laws to protect children.
3. Labor unions and advocates faced opposition from factory owners and often used strikes, protests, and negotiations to improve conditions. They sought to empower workers and secure better rights and protections.
4. The Industrial Revolution's impact on labor laws and workers' rights led to significant reforms. It paved the way for the establishment of labor laws, workers' unions, and safety regulations that continue to shape the modern workforce.

