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The Transformation of the Textile Industry During the Industrial Revolution

Open-Ended Response Answer Key

1. Advantages included increased production efficiency, lower costs, and the availability of more affordable textiles. Disadvantages included poor working conditions, long hours, and the displacement of traditional cottage industries.
2. The growth of the cotton textile industry boosted the economies of regions where cotton could be grown, as it created demand for cotton and provided employment opportunities.
3. Women and children were often employed in early textile factories, working long hours in difficult conditions. They faced health risks and were paid lower wages than adult male workers.
4. The mechanization of textile production had long-term consequences, including the further development of industrialization, changes in labor practices, and shifts in population from rural to urban areas. It also contributed to technological advancements in manufacturing.

