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## The Industrial Revolution: A Transformative Era in History

### Short Answer Key

1. The starting date is challenging to pinpoint due to the gradual nature of the changes and the absence of a single event marking the beginning.
2. Great Britain had abundant natural resources, political stability, a growing population, and a strong merchant class.
3. The First Industrial Revolution was characterized by innovations in textiles and steam power, while the Second Industrial Revolution involved advancements in electricity, steel production, and communication.
4. Answers may vary. Example: The steam engine.
5. Concerns included working conditions in factories, child labor, and social inequality.

