

## Written Assignment 4

### Requirements

Write a brief 250-500 word essay in response to the following prompt. If necessary, you may slightly exceed the 500-word limit. Your essay should follow the usual rules of English grammar and spelling. For guidance on questions of style, consult the document labeled "Editing Suggestions," or Strunk and White or the [MIT Online Writing Communication Center](#).

### Prompt

Imagine that you are one of the following three people: a Berlin factory worker covered by the 1844 regulations concerning work discipline; a New England hand-loom weaver operating an artisanal shop in your household in the 1820s; or a fancy dress maker (a mantua-maker) in Boston in the middle of the 19th century. Write a short essay from the perspective of your historical actor that weighs the merits and/or disadvantages of changes in the means of production and the consumption possibilities associated with the industrial revolution.

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