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**Intro to Industrial Revolution**

**Part 1: Big Questions:** Answer each of the following questions in one complete thesis statement. Be sure to state your opinion and defend it.

1. Should the health of the environment be sacrificed for the sake of a product?
2. Should there be labor laws regarding the amount of time worked in a day?
3. At what age should people be allowed to legally work? Why?
4. Should monopolies be allowed, or should governments regulate big businesses to ensure that there is a fair amount of competition?
5. In regards to business, is it better for a government to regulate all aspects or to be laissez-faire (hands off)?
6. In school, does competition between students in classes lead to more learning?
7. Should businesses move to foreign locations without penalty if they believe they can make more money?

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**Part 2: Current Event:** The Industrial Revolution changed society in social, political, and economic ways. The effects of that time period continue to influence, for both better and worse, many aspects of the world today. Read the article about technology and jobs. Then, complete the current event.

Article

* <https://www.washingtonpost.com/opinions/the-brave-new-world-of-robots-and-lost-jobs/2016/08/11/e66a4914-5fff-11e6-af8e-54aa2e849447_story.html?utm_term=.cadd08525e33>

Current Event

* Article Title
* Article Author
* Article Source
* Reaction- In one paragraph, what is your reaction to the information in this article? This should be opinionated and reflect your own views on the information. The question to focus on is this: Is improved technology/industry in this instance a good thing?