

## **WHAT SOCIETAL CHANGES TOOK PLACE BECAUSE OF THE INDUSTRIAL REVOLUTION?**

Unions formed because workers finally wanted to put a stop to long hours with little pay. They demanded more pay and fairer treatment. They did not want children to work in factories because of the



danger involved. Labor unions organized strikes and protests. Some of the more successful changes included:

- 1819 Factory Act - restricted working age and hours
- 1842 Mines Act - stopped women and children from working underground in mines in Great Britain.
- 1847 - workday for women and children was limited to 10 hours in Britain.
- 1904 - the United States ended child labor and set a maximum hours a person could work
- 1833 - reformers helped to end slavery in the British empire
- 1865 - slavery ended in the United States
- 1848 - Seneca Falls Convention took place seeking economic and social rights for women
- 1850s - public schools became common in the United States

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However, as more immigrants came to the United States, more workers became available. These workers were willing to work even if others were not because of unfair treatment. This lessened the effect of the labor unions since businesses had no shortage of workers. This is why most labor unions were unsuccessful during most of the Industrial Revolution.