**Before the Industrial Revolution**

**The Good**

* Open field System replaced by Enclosed (fenced) farms – increased food production
* Small population – 7 million in 1781
* Cottage industries: spinning & weaving
* The poor could get food from common land and community charities (the church)
* Health of population increased with better food, the eradication of the plague and improved medical science

**The Bad**

* Poorer farm workers had to move to the city as enclosure cost jobs
* Source of food for the poor from common land and fallow field grazing vanished
* Population increase meant competition for jobs

**The Industrial Revolution**

**The Good**

* Increase in population meant more labourers for new industry – 26 million by 1881
* New industries supplied better transport, roads, cheaper clothing & goods
* New industries meant new jobs
* Goods could be exported in change for new imports from overseas
* Fabulous period of invention that spread to Europe and led to grand exhibitions of new inventions

**The Bad**

* Labourers paid very poor wages for long hours of work
* Children exploited as cheap labour
* Workers in textile factories, coal mines and as chimney sweeps worked in extremely dangerous conditions
* Workers beaten if they dared to be tired
* City buildings were poorly constructed with no sanitation to house workers near the new factories and mines
* Pollution of the air above cities was appalling
* Poor Houses built to house the poor, but were harsh places to live
* Prisons overflowed with the poor driven to crime

**Reforms**

* Trade Unions grew up to force better pay, safer work places and better hours.
* Workers protested for change and held strikes
* Factory owners like Robert Owen showed that humanely run factories were profitable. The suffering of workers was not necessary
* Members of parliament demanded laws to ban children under 10 working
* Free schools set up for poor children
* Sanitation of cities improved – sewers built in London, streets cleaned, rubbish collected, clean water supplied

* Slums demolished and replaced with better housing & parks & gardens

**BUT….**

All the above was slow to develop and was useless, unless there were enough police to see that the new laws were implemented.