

Journal 8-7

- ▶ What is a question you have about society, people, culture, etc.?
- ▶ Explain why you are curious
- ▶ Explain how we might answer that question

Unit 1: Sociological Theory

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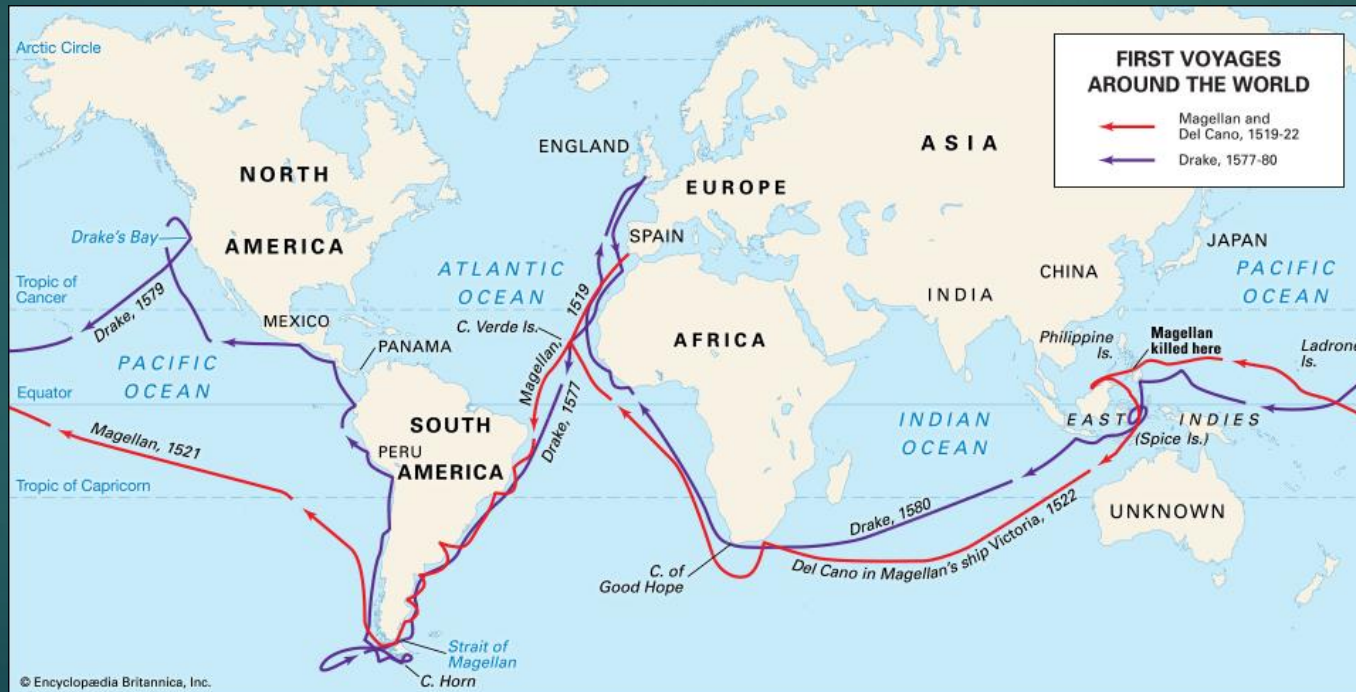




Age of Exploration

1. HOW DID THE AGE OF EXPLORATION
EFFECT SOCIETY?

- ▶ In the 16th and 17th centuries, Europeans were exploring the world and voyagers returned from Asia, the Americas, Africa, and the South Seas with amazing stories of other societies and civilizations.
- ▶ Widely different social practices challenged the view that European life reflected the natural order of God.

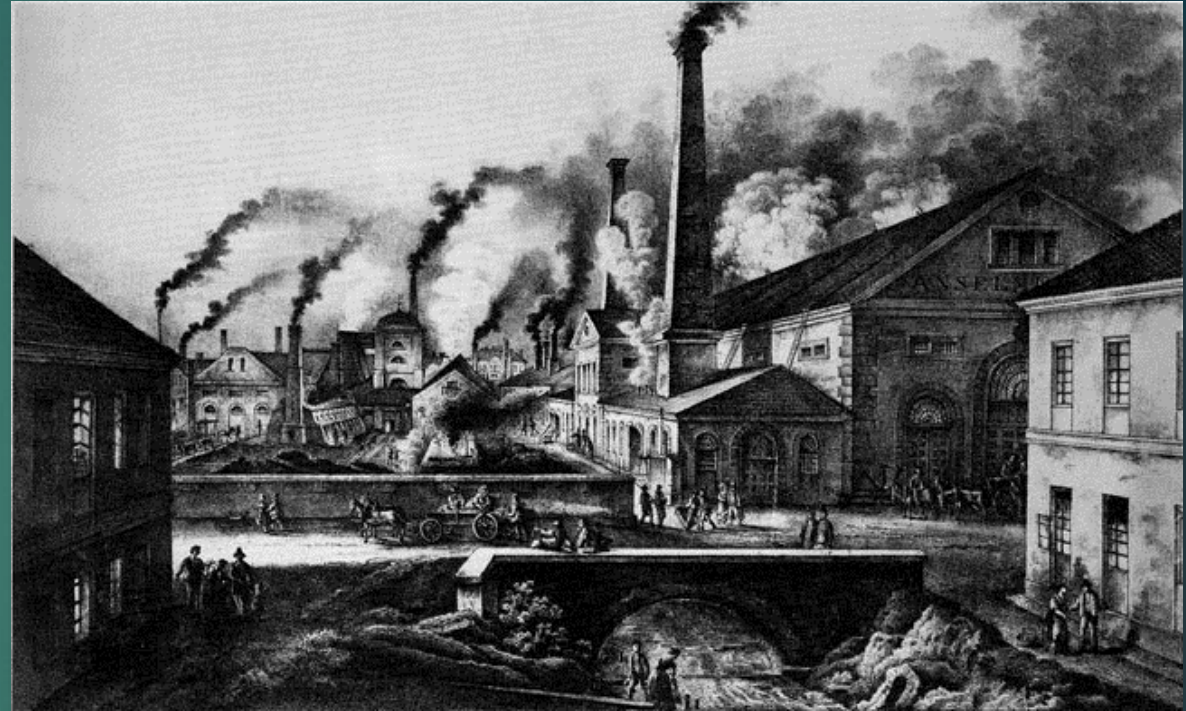




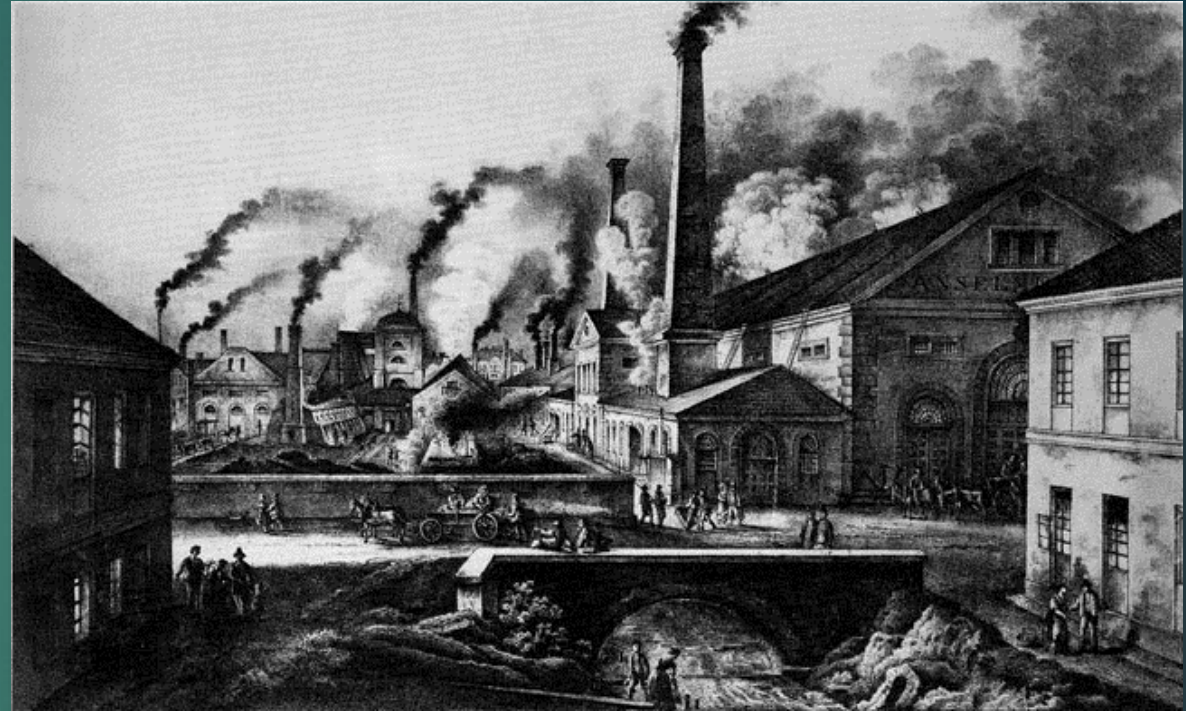
Industrial Revolution

2. HOW DID THE INDUSTRIAL
REVOLUTION EFFECT SOCIETY?

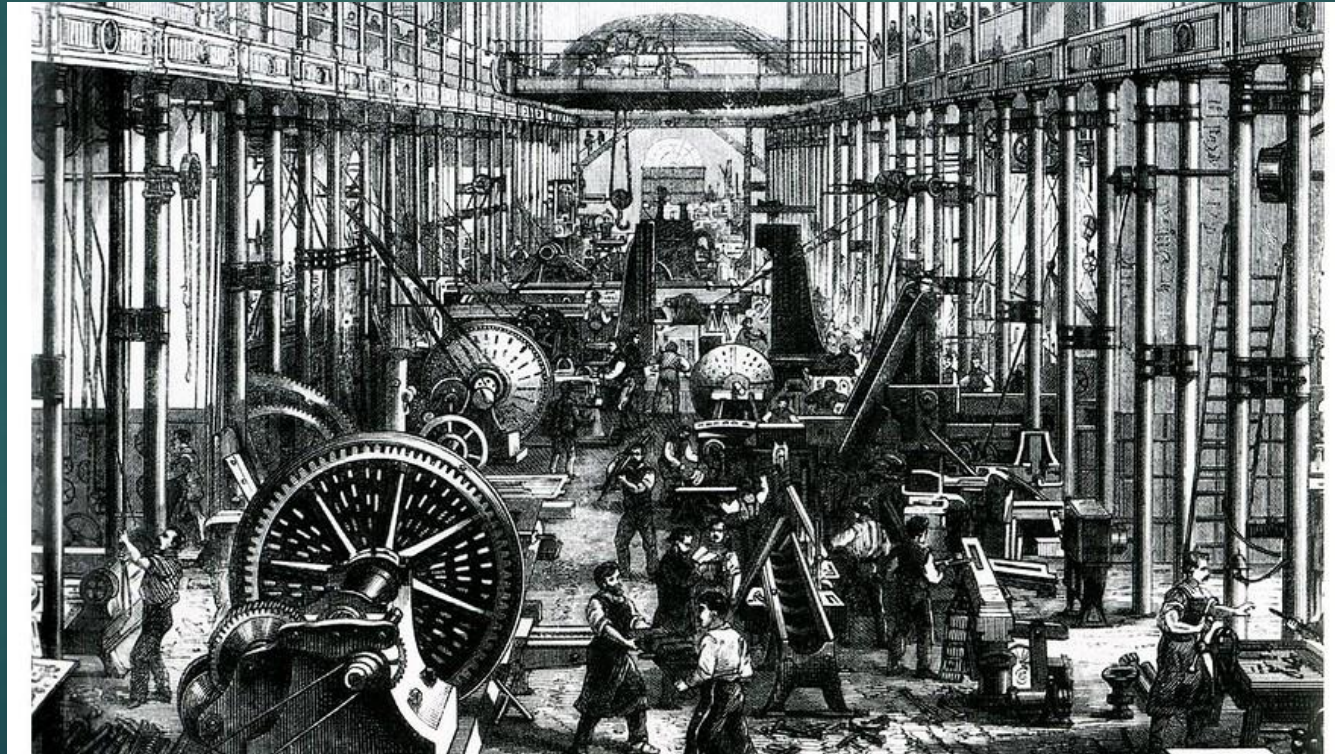
- ▶ The industrial revolution began in Britain in the late eighteenth century.
- ▶ Mechanical industry was growing, and thousands of people were migrating to cities to work in the new factories.



- ▶ People once rooted in the land and social communities where they farmed found themselves crowded into cities.
- ▶ The traditional authority of the church, the village, and the family were being undermined by impersonal factory and city life.

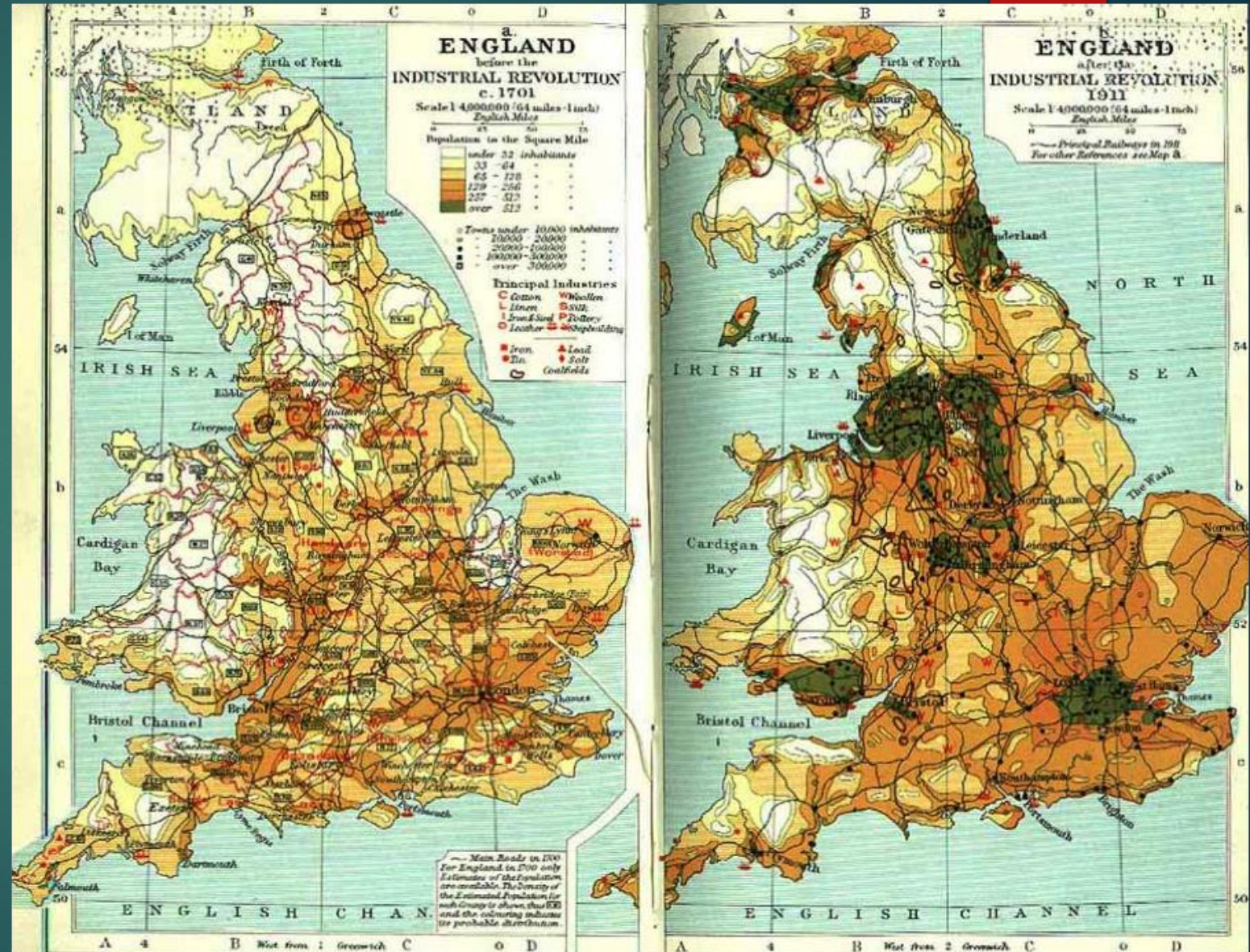


- ▶ Capitalism also grew in Western Europe in the nineteenth century.
 - ▶ This meant that relatively few people owned the means of production—such as factories—while many others had to sell their labor to those owners.
- ▶ At the same time, relatively impersonal financial markets began to expand.



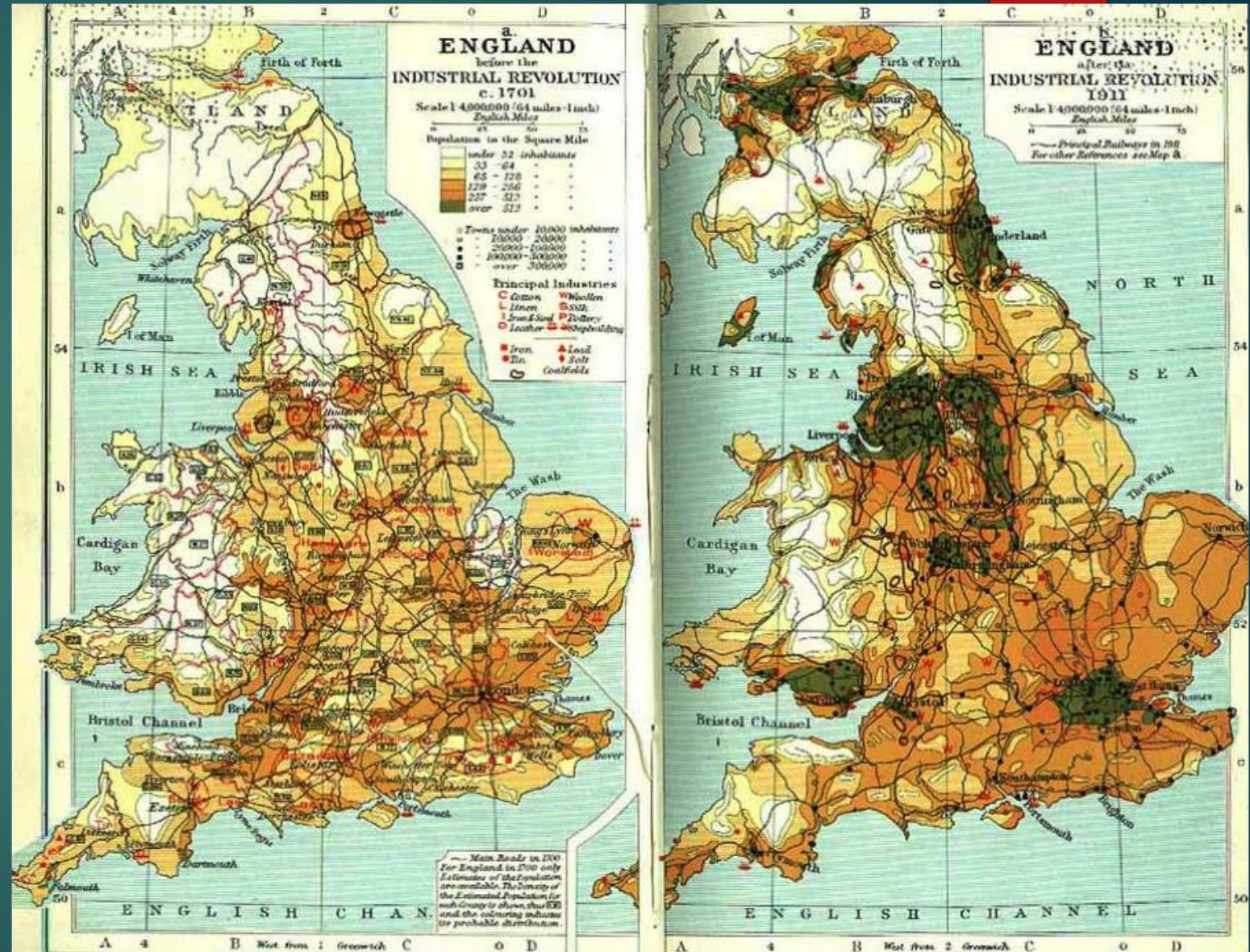
▶ There was enormous population growth worldwide in this period

- ▶ longer life expectancy and
- ▶ decreases in child death rates.

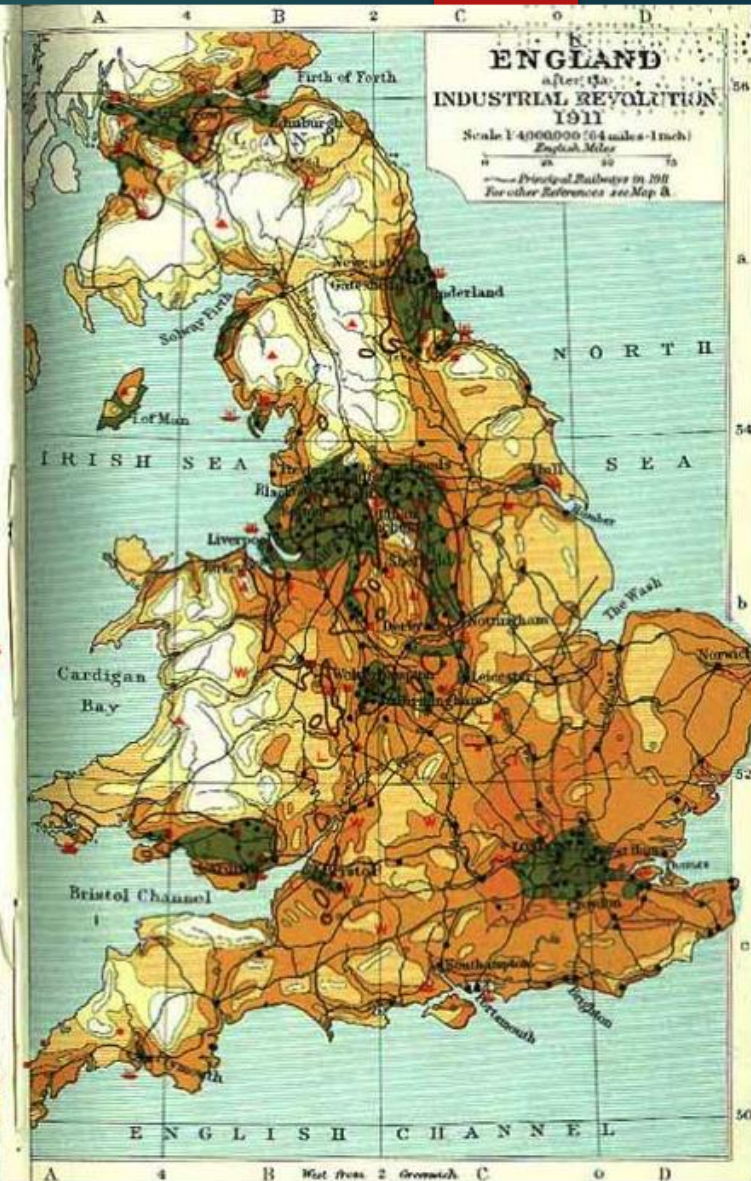
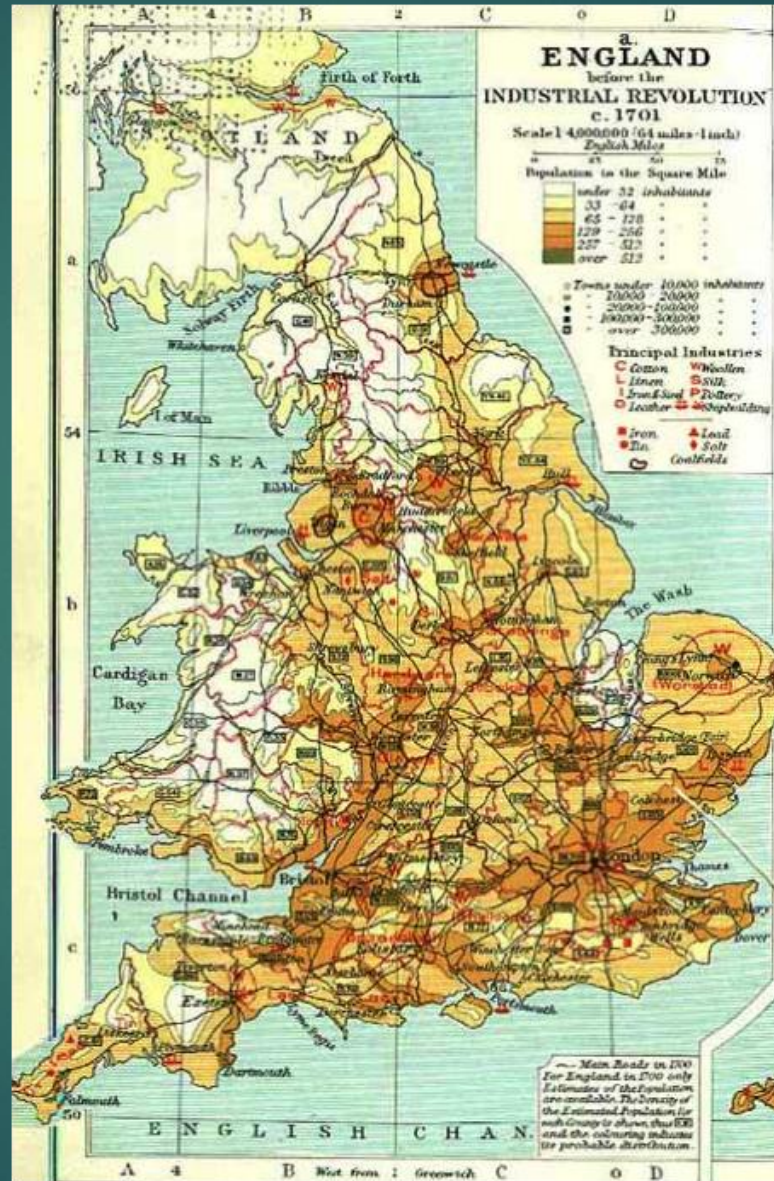


▶ These massive social changes lent new urgency to the development of the social sciences

▶ implications of economic, social and political revolutions.



▶ All the major figures in the early years of sociology thought about the “great transformation” from simple, preliterate societies to massive, complex, industrial societies.



Questions: Origins of Sociology

Write down and answer in your notebook

3. What is Sociology?

4. Why did Sociology emerge during the Industrial Revolution?

- ▶ Explain and include examples

5. Why is Sociology necessary today?

- ▶ Explain and include examples