

Reading Comprehension Questions

Handout E

Directions: Answer each question using evidence from the lesson text. After you write your answers, go back to the text and use a highlighter to mark where you found your information.

Example: Who introduced the water-powered mill to Rhode Island? Samuel Slater. I know this because the text states “In 1790 a man named Samuel Slater introduced a water-powered spinning mill in Rhode Island.”

1. What is Industrialization?

2. How were clothes made before the water-powered mill?

3. How were clothes made with the factory system?

4. Using the images and descriptions on the page, describe how the water-powered mill worked.

5. Why did young women take jobs at factories?

6. Describe the working conditions of the Lowell Girls.
