What historical circumstances and geographic context led to the Industrial Revolution in Great Britain?
Great Britain

• The island consisting of England, Scotland, and Wales
United Kingdom

• The island of Great Britain, the north-eastern part of the island of Ireland, and many smaller islands.
Great Britain

- First country to industrialize in 1750
- Had necessary factors of production
  - Land
  - Labor
  - Capital
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• Land
  • Island Nation
  • Rivers
  • Irregular Coastline - harbors

Natural Resources - Coal
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- Labor
  - Growth in population due to Agrarian Revolution
  - Enclosure movement
    - Fewer farmers needed
    - People moved to cities to work in factories
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- Capital
  - colonies had brought wealth to Britain
    - Mercantilism - Colonies sent raw materials and provided markets for goods
  - Money was available to invest in mines, Railroads, and factories
  - Commercial & financial skills for investing
Industrial Revolution Begins in Britain

- Stable government
- Transportation and Colonial Empire
  - Strong navy
  - Colonies sent raw materials and provided markets for goods