

# 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

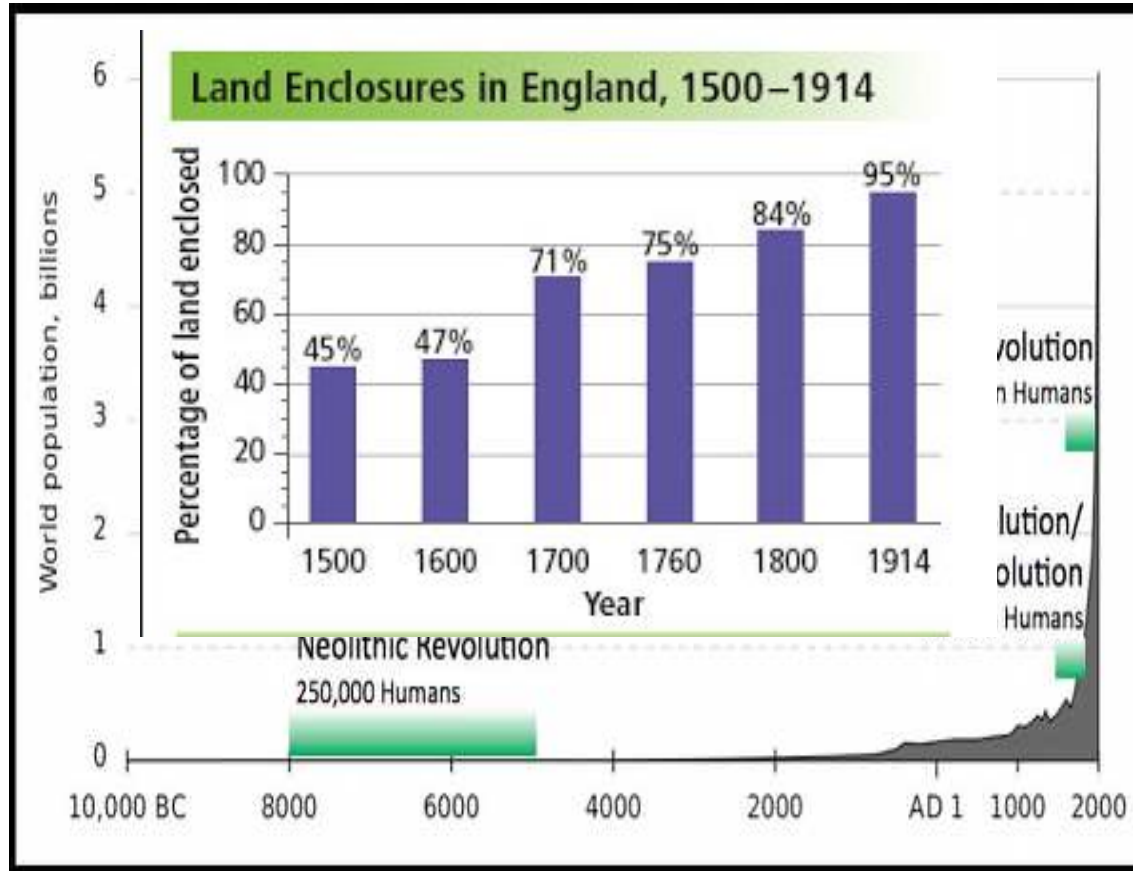


# Industrial Revolution Begins in Britain

- Land
  - Island Nation
  - Rivers
  - Irregular Coastline – harbours

Natural Resources - Coal

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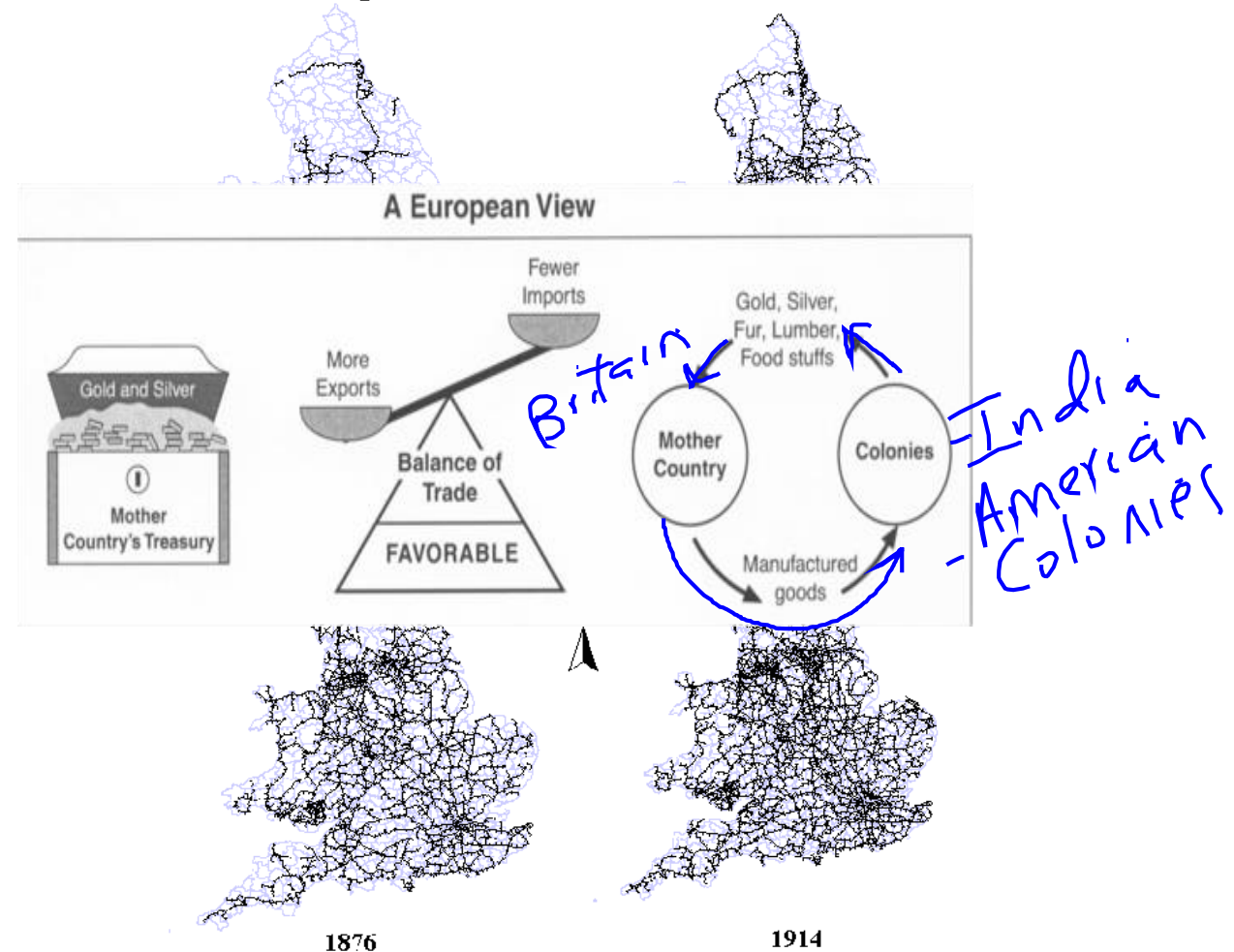


- Labor
  - Growth in population due to Agrarian Revolution
  - Enclosure movement
    - Fewer farmers needed
    - People moved to cities to work in factories

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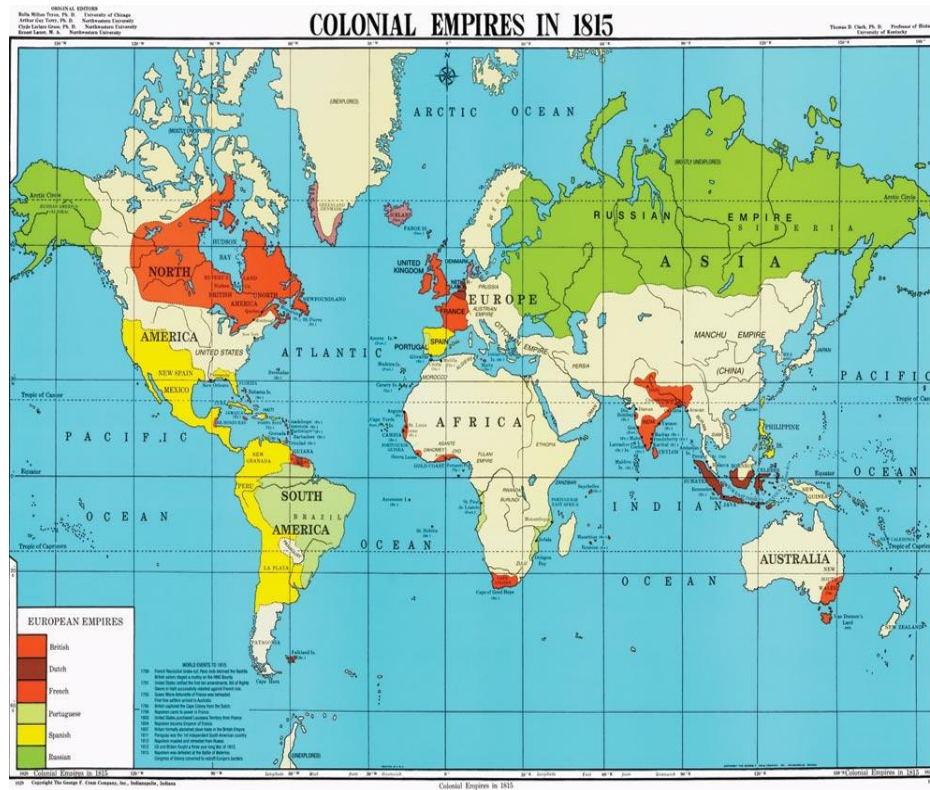
- Capital
  - colonies had brought wealth to Britain
    - Mercantilism - Colonies sent raw materials and provided markets for goods
  - Money was available to invest in mines, Railroads, and factories
  - Commercial & financial skills for investing

The Extension of the Railway System  
in England and Wales, 1845-1914





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