



Speaker: During the 1800s, the Industrial Revolution really gets underway. Inventions and innovations in transportation transformed the way raw materials and manufactured goods travel from one place to another. Trains and steamships radically changed economies. Even the bicycle changed the way folks could go from one place to another.

Changes in transportation also brought increased urbanization. There was a growing need for concentrated work forces with manufacturing located near raw materials and near transportation hubs so that finished products could reach a larger market. With growing city populations, the invention of the gas lamp came in very handy for lighting dark and potentially dangerous streets.

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