

A History Curriculum



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HOW TO USE THIS CURRICULUM

I'm so excited that you've chosen Rabbit Trails through History to use in your homeschool! This curriculum is a literature based, relaxed curriculum for all elementary grades. What this means is that it's not designed to have lots of busy work. It's designed to provide quality literature to your children, hands on activities, opportunities for copy work, artist studies, and other means to learn fun and enriching history material.

Rabbit Trails through History was created with homeschooling adventures in mind. Not only will you be learning history, but your children will go on a journey through amazing books while gaining historical knowledge about the world around them. This curriculum is meant to be used on your child's level. It's not meant to have boxes checked off each day, but to do what works for your unique family. When it comes to copy work and writing, there are suggestions given, but take what you need and leave the rest. If your child isn't at the level of the suggestions, then create what works for them. Same thing if they're capable of beyond what is recommended. Make this curriculum your own!

A lot of families enjoy studying history chronologically. As you learn about the Industrial Era, feel free to create a timeline. You can do this in your child's notebook, on multiple pieces of paper displayed in your school room, or even on butcher paper to have lots of room to include illustrations. Add the dates these key figures were born, helped with important events, and more. This is another tool to help your child understand the concept of time and when all of these people were around and when events took place. Keep it fun and stress-free!

I encourage you to enjoy reading as many of the books listed in this curriculum as you can! Quality literature is the framework of this curriculum. However, don't become overwhelmed with purchasing these books if you don't have the means. Many can be found at libraries, on used book websites, etc. The books listed in the Rabbit Trails and Library Lists are just suggestions. Use what books you have on hand or find at your own library on the topic! If you do choose to buy all of the books, you can access many in my shop. You can also access all of the links, YouTube videos, and more in the Resource Page in the back of this curriculum.

NOTEBOOK STYLE CURRICULUM

As you may have noticed, this curriculum does not include any kind of workbook for your children to work in. This was designed to all be done in a notebook. You may choose a standard, wide ruled notebook, or you can choose to use our pre-made Companion Journals. Feel free to use whatever method works best for you and your child.

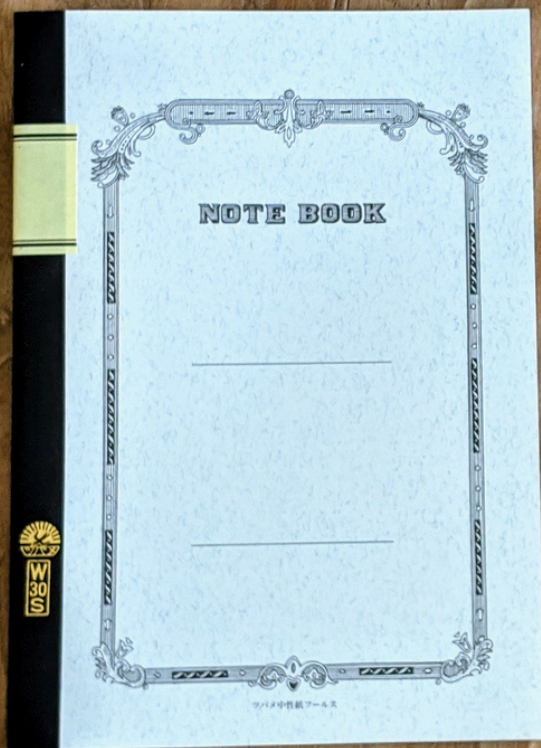
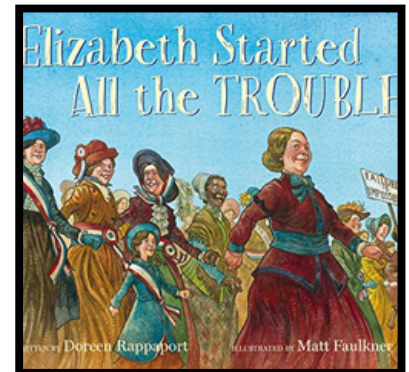
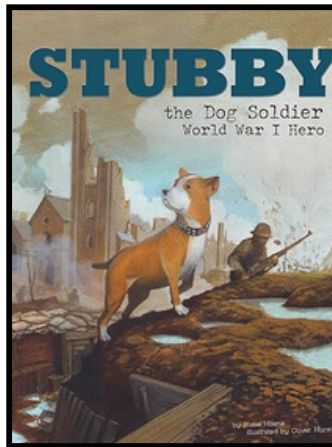
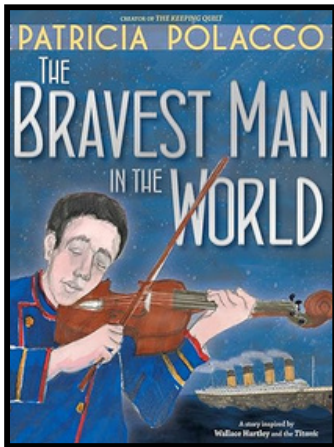
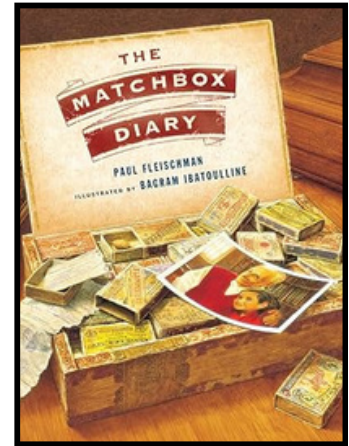
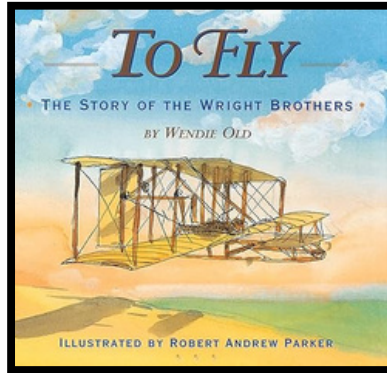
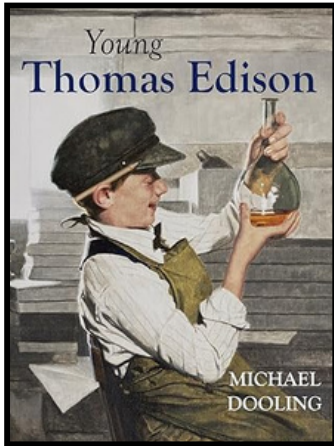
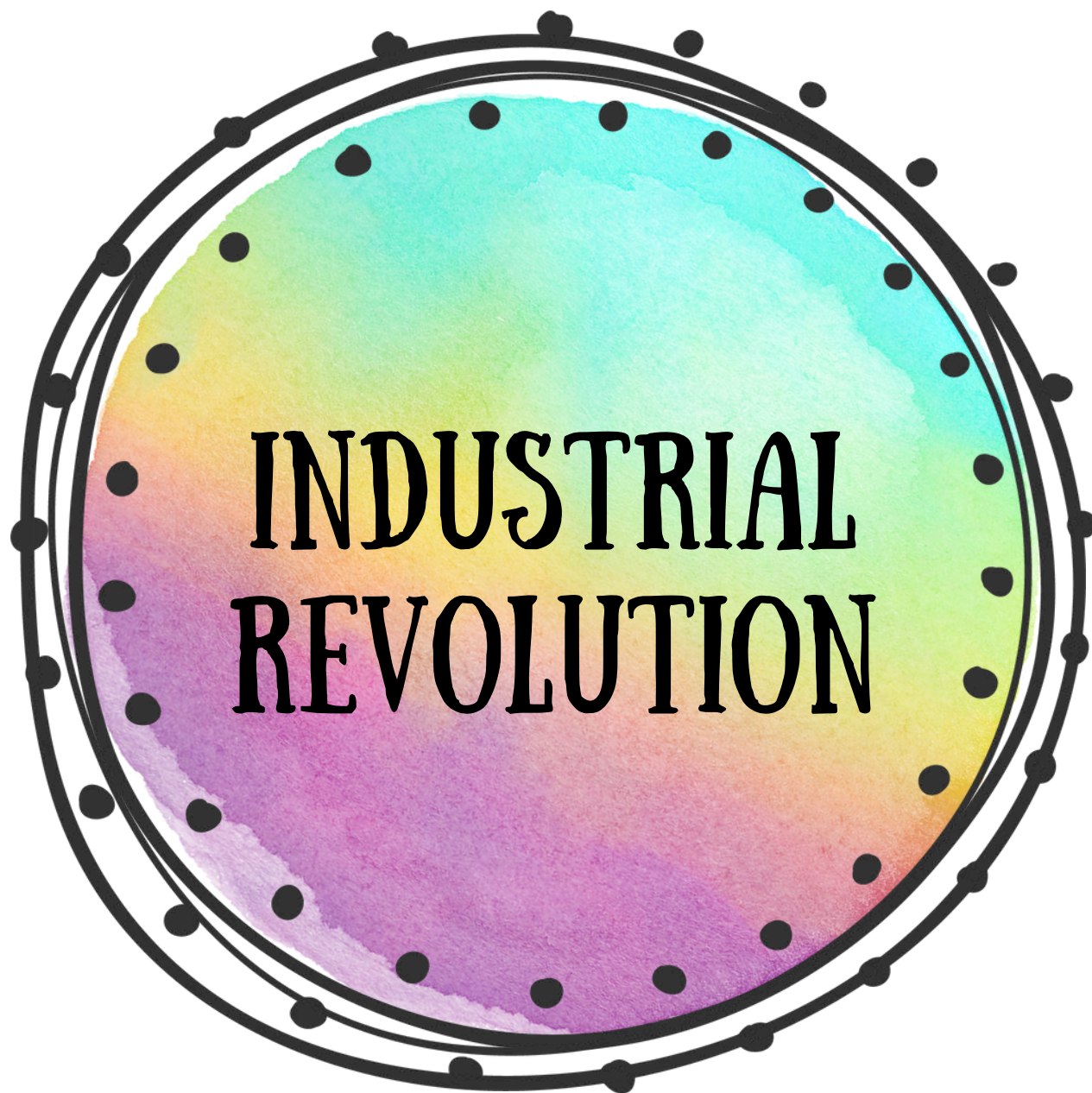


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Begin your journey by reading Young Thomas Edison by Adam Hancher. The Industrial Revolution was an important part of our American history. It changed the way things were made and also changed the way people lived.

The Industrial Revolution actually started in Great Britain in the late 1700s and spread to America. Before the American Industrial Revolution, most people lived in rural areas and made or traded for goods. After the American Industrial Revolution began, people started moving to cities. This led to cities becoming overcrowded and unsanitary. Workers were not paid well and had to work long hours. Children were also employed to work in factories.

Samuel Slater is considered the Father of the American Industrial Revolution. He emigrated from Great Britain and took what he had learned about the textile mills and started his own, Slater Mill, in Pawtucket, RI.

Thomas Edison wasn't the only inventor during the Industrial Revolution. A few others were: Eli Whitney invented the cotton gin, Isaac Singer invented the sewing machine, and Henry Ford invented the Model T car.



"Many of life's failures are people who did not realize how close they were to success when they gave up."
-Thomas Edison

Then the Lord God formed the man of dust from the ground and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life, and the man became a living creature. -Genesis 2:7

The Industrial Revolution was full of new inventions being discovered. But none of the inventions were as amazing as God's creation. He created the world and everything in it. He formed man from dust and breathed life into him. How amazing is that? Talk about all that God has created.

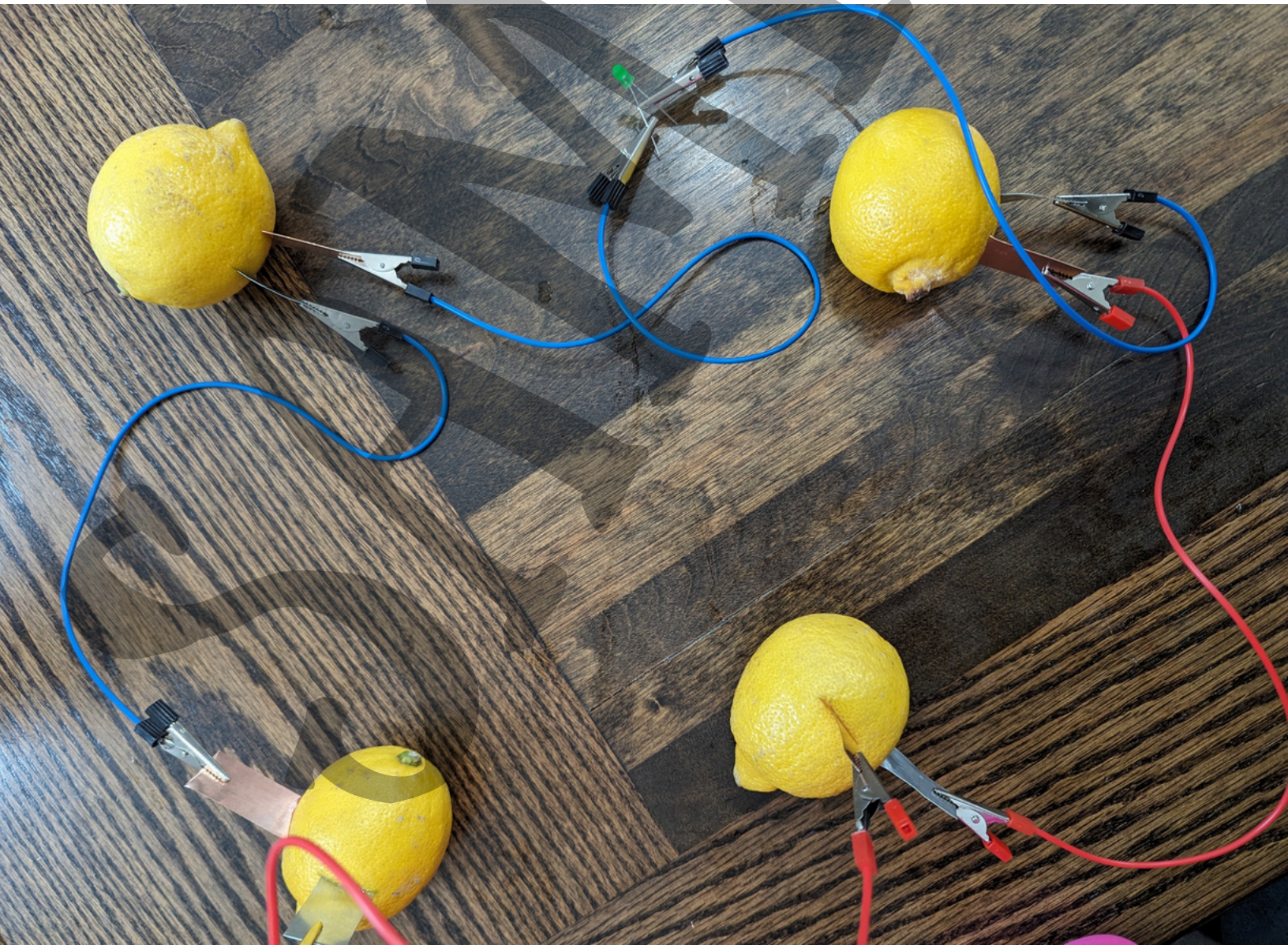


Do you think you can use a fruit to power a light bulb?
Using the kit listed below, you can!

First, take four lemons (apple, orange, or even a potato will work too). Next, push two metal plates (one copper, one zinc) into each of them. Connect the copper plate of a lemon to zinc plate of another lemon with wires. Then, connect the wire from copper plate of first lemon to the long terminal(+) of LED light. Also, connect the wire from zinc plate of last lemon to the short terminal(-) of LED light. You will find that the LED grows!

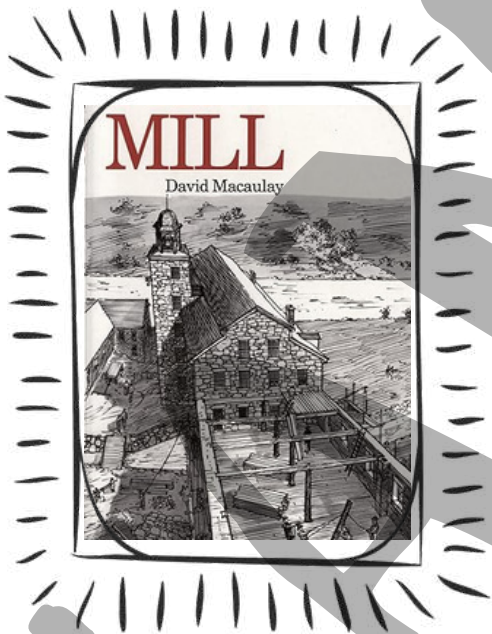
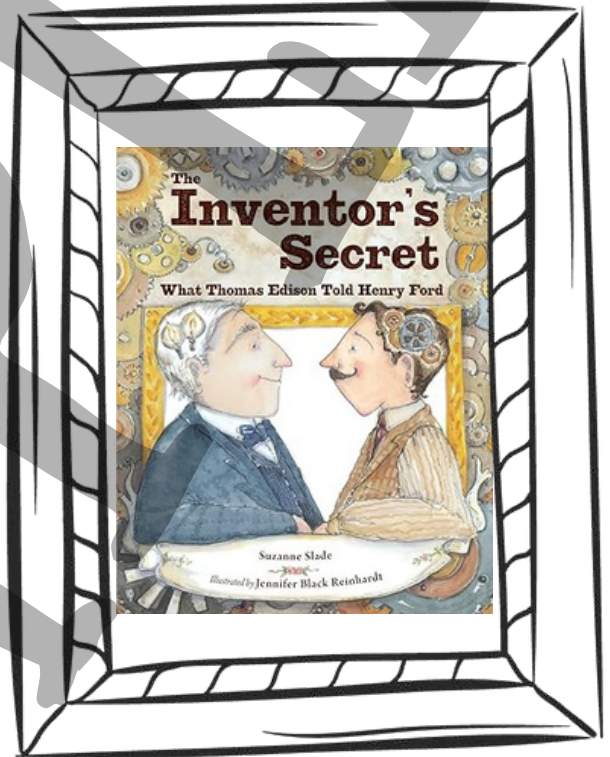
Supplies needed:

- Fruit/Potato battery kit
- Lemon or potato



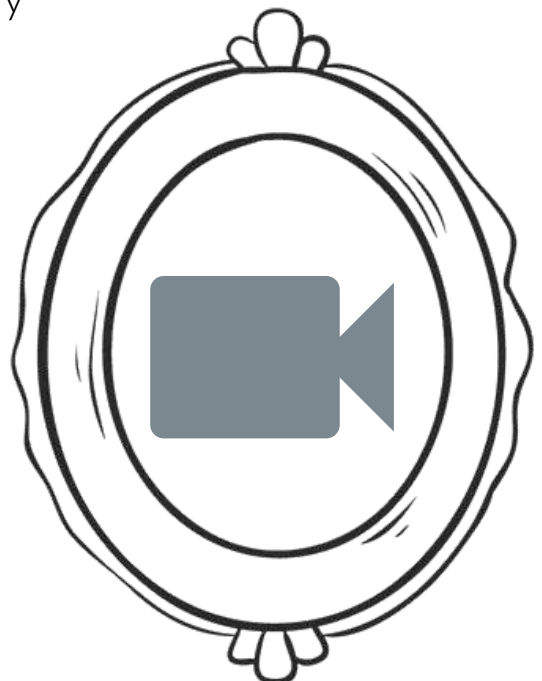


Continue learning more about Thomas Edison and the Industrial Revolution. Start with *The Inventor's Secret* by Suzanne Slade.



Mill
by David Macaulay

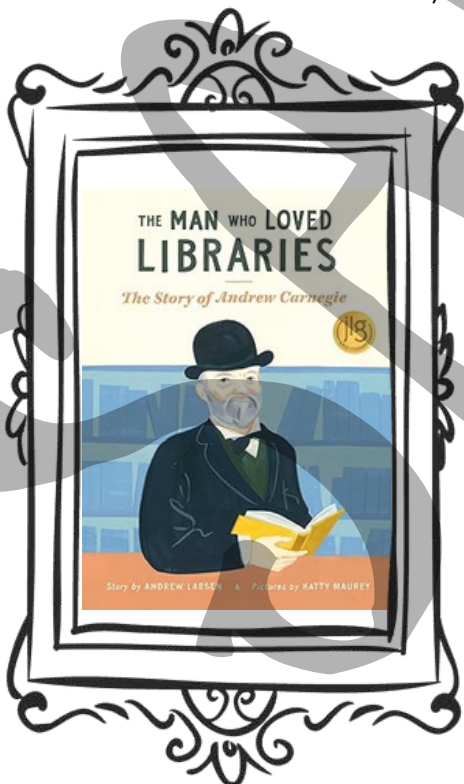
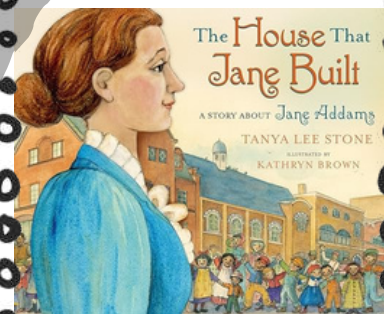
Head over to Learn Bright's YouTube channel and watch Industrial Revolution for Kids to learn about this time period and some of the inventions.



Fire at the Triangle Factory
by Holly Littlefield



The House That Jane Built
by Tanya Lee Stone



The Man Who Loved Libraries
by Andrew Larsen



-Do an art study on Lewis Wickes Hine. He was a photographer during the Industrial Revolution. Check out his photograph, Addie Card, 12 years, Spinner in North Pormal Cotton Mill, Vt. You can find several of his other photographs online. You can choose to print copies of the artwork or try recreating them.

-Visit Samuel Slater's Mill in Pawtucket, RI. You can also visit the Samuel Slater Experience in Webster, MA to experience everything he did, including his boat ride over from Great Britain. If you don't live nearby, you can check out their websites to see pictures.

-Robert Fulton built the first successful steam boat. Build your own steam boat. There are tutorials online to help you.

-Poetry Teatime! Read Poem of the Daily Work of the Workmen and the Workwomen of These States by Walt Whitman.

-Compare and contrast mills and factories from the Industrial Revolution and today.

-Research a famous person from the Industrial Revolution. Find out why they were famous. Write a research paper or make a poster.

-Have a movie night and watch Newsies.

-In 1906, there was a devastating earthquake and fire in San Francisco. Read about it in If You Lived at the Time of the Great San Francisco Earthquake by Ellen Levine.