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GEORGE III'S REIGN

During George III's reign, lots of social, political and economical events took place and fostered the change of the ancient values.

These events were three and they were called "revolutions", just to make us understand they were violent and changed Europe in a short time. These were the American and the French revolutions, and the Industrial revolution.

The industrial revolution took place especially in England and has its roots in the slow but continuous improvements of previous centuries, like:

- the developments in agricultural techniques
- The Enclosure Act that let land-owners to fence off their estates thus being able to try new experiments in them. This wouldn't have been possible with the previous "open-fields", common lands that could be used by all peasants.

We also have the developments of commerce, the growth of the population, the improvements of the transports and communications, scientific progresses like the use of steam machines or new weaving machines, like the "spinning jenny".

But there were also some social problems. Lots of persons, who worked in factories, started leaving their houses in the country-side and went to live in the big cities. This caused an overpopulation in the slums and a lack of the most elementary principles of sanitation. In these new factories men, women and children worked.

Special Institutions, charity schools and hospitals that gave medications to the poor people were opened.

Women started giving their contribute to their society, like Lady Mary Wortley Montagu and Mary Wollstonecraft that fought for female emancipation.

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