The Workhouse of the World: The Potteries and the Industrial Revolution

**Vocabulary Dozen**

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<td>Industry</td>
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<td>Revolution</td>
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<td>Invention</td>
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<td>Mass produce</td>
<td>Rapid (fast) production of identical objects.</td>
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<td>Urban</td>
<td>Town or city.</td>
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<td>Rural</td>
<td>The countryside.</td>
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<td>Factory</td>
<td>A building or buildings where people use machines to produce goods.</td>
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<td>Potteries</td>
<td>A name for Stoke-on-Trent given due to the pottery industry.</td>
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<td>Colliery</td>
<td>A coal mine and the buildings and equipment associated with it.</td>
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<td>Canal</td>
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