1760 – 1840

Put the Events in Order

Name _____ Date _____

These 10 events from the Industrial Revolution timeline are out of order. Write a number from 1 to 10 in each box, from the earliest event (1) to the latest (10).

☐ **Watt's Steam Engine**
James Watt patents a greatly improved steam engine that is efficient enough to power factories and machinery.

☐ **The Spinning Jenny**
James Hargreaves invents a machine that can spin many threads at once, replacing slow hand-spinning.

☐ **Steamboat**
Robert Fulton's Clermont makes the first successful commercial steamboat voyage up the Hudson River in New York.

☐ **Factory Act**
Britain passes a law limiting child labor in textile factories, banning children under nine from working in mills.

☐ **The Railway Age**
A national railway network links British cities, slashing travel times from days to hours and transforming the economy.

☐ **First Public Railway**
The Stockton and Darlington Railway opens in England as the world's first steam-powered public passenger railway.

☐ **Arkwright's Water Frame**
Richard Arkwright patents the water frame, a powerful textile machine, and opens one of the world's first factories in Cromford, England.

☐ **Factory Cities Grow**
Millions of workers leave farming villages to take factory jobs; cities like Manchester, Birmingham, and Pittsburgh grow rapidly.

☐ **Power Loom**
Edmund Cartwright invents the power loom, mechanizing the weaving of cloth.

☐ **First Steam Locomotive**
Richard Trevithick builds and runs the world's first steam-powered locomotive on an iron track in Wales.

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Put the Events in Order: Answer Key

1764 — 1. The Spinning Jenny

1769 — 2. Watt's Steam Engine

1769 — 3. Arkwright's Water Frame

1785 — 4. Power Loom

1804 — 5. First Steam Locomotive

1807 — 6. Steamboat

1825 — 7. First Public Railway

1830s — 8. Factory Cities Grow

1833 — 9. Factory Act

1840 — 10. The Railway Age