**Industrial Revolution**

Alright now, look! It’s the 18th Century,

And things just haven’t changed much.

But listen to this real quick…

With so many problems in the world today,

It’s kind of hard F-A-R-M-ing OK?

No time to play sports or sit back,

No time to watch shows or spit raps.

When farm technology improved,

Farmland gave us more food. Cool!

What should we do with this extra food?

Let’s make babies and feed it to them with a spoon.

So the population boomed,

Doubling in Europe, and then doubling again soon.

With more kids, we need more clothes,

We can’t stitch by those hand, oh no!

I’ll build a mill with machines that sew,

Textile industry is looming, yo.

James Watt had a dream these machines,

Would work better on steam, so we’ve seen:

More steam, more coal, more slums, more smoke,

Less time, less space, life is less slow.

More middle class, more time for lamping,

More lamps and I don’t mean the kind for camping.

Whoa, I’m sending out an SOS; I can’t help myself,

I’ve got the brand new Morse code.

Telegraph is like sending a text,

So wave bye-bye to the Pony Express,

See ya!

We chase the industrial dream,

Where power moves from man's hands to machines.

Combustion, electricity and steam,

A new socio-economic regime. (x2)

Oh hey, come and work in my factory,

You can be any age. "10?" Yeah, exactly.

You could be a girl, too, that’s ok,

As long as you don’t mind all work and no breaks.

Pay’s cheap, you’ll be packing meat sitting in seat,

You’ll get beat if you ever fall asleep.

You’re in pain? Of course, you’re in labor!

Pack your own lunch; we’re not catered.

Slip up? And I hope you brought gauze,

Mess around and you could get a finger chopped off.

This is How the Other Half Lives,

In a crib-sized crib full of dirty little kids.

In slums and tenements, it’s evident,

Nothing sweet for the poor, no Entenmann’s.

This city’s big now, and it’s filthy,

You’re a victim of the system, feel me?

This free enterprise got my money on the rise,

Got my pockets full of green faces, face it.

I’d like to buy Adam Smith a drink,

Capitalism’s sweet; I don’t know what y’all think! ("Jolly good!")

Communism, oooh, I don’t think so,

I want to be a fat cat sitting in a mink coat.

You want us all paid the same, Karl Marx?

Pay the lead actors the same as the small parts?

Forget that, I’m riding these trains,

If you’re poor on the tracks, better get out my way!

For real son, move, run,

You’re on blast: It’s the Industrial Revolution.

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**Gilded Age**

John D. Rockefeller:

I don’t even need a beat. I could kick it a cappella,

Doo-wop, shoo-wop, I’m John D. Rockefeller.

I’m bigger than Big Pimpin’, I’m bigger than Jay-Z,

He named his record company after me.

I’m the O.G. with more oil than Valdez,

Standard Oil? That’s just one of my companies.

I formed the trust, yes I did,

Now I’ll gobble up these Colonel Sanders like they’re chicken feed, see?

J. P. Morgan:

Who’s next? That’d be me, J. P. Morgan,

Vital organ, fire people like they’re orphans.

Yeah, you heard about me, Age is Gilded,

Banks: I built it. Towns: I filled it.

This robber baron is hotter than most of these wack cats,

I’m a real hustler putting trains on rail tracks.

Kicking those real facts, little homey pay attention:

The only one to use the law to bring me my position.

Andrew Carnegie:

Pass the mic, I’m Andrew Carnegie,

The one all these U.S. senators want to be.

The opposite of poverty,

Carnegie Steel, yeah we have a whole monopoly.

Like Horatio Alger, I’m rags to riches,

I used to have no dough, now my paper’s vicious.

Social Darwinism, yeah, I can’t be stopped,

Like that metal after it pop, I’m h-h-hot . . .

I’m the boss, I’m livin’ large,

I’m a tycoon, and I’m big ballin’. . .

J. P. Morgan:

Yeah, you know who it be . . . J. P.,

Morgan that is. . . .

Here’s the situation: the U.S. government needed money,

Asking for help, now something here sounds funny.

My mamma said good deeds don’t ever come back,

So they hit me with Sherman Antitrust Act.

It’s got to be a gimmick, you saying if I’m too rich,

They make a law to tell me how I’ve got to spend it?

The laissez-faire economy saved me.

The rest can’t touch ‘cause I’m higher than Marley.

Jo Pulitzer:

I’m Jo Pulitzer. I’m 10 on the Richter,

I’m how they set the standard for all prize winners.

U.S. goes to war, I use news to divide us,

In Cuba, Teddy Roosevelt’s screaming Rough Riders!

So tell me who’s in control of your worldview,

The man with paper in hand, Pulitzer’s the truth.

I don’t need no facts, this is yellow journalism,

Exaggerate the truth, Sensationalism.

John D. Rockefeller:

Rockefeller eats shrimp dipped in caviar,

I don’t need a car, I ride on real jaguars.

I keep the prices high, the wages low,

So the Knights of Columbus know who’s in control.

I own 90 percent of oil, keep it greasy,

These machine politics are getting kind of sleazy.

Me and Boss Tweed, yeah we own the vote,

Tammany Hall, playa.That ain’t no joke!

I’m the boss, I’m livin’ large,

I’m a tycoon, and I’m big ballin’. . .

**World War I**

They sent us all to war,

They told us to be ready to fight.

But all they really cared about,

Was if we were ready to die.

It’s called the Great War; I guess I know why,

‘Cause it was so big, and so many died.

Like me, yeah I’m just a ghost,

Coming back from the past just to pass you a note,

And pass on what I know, yeah I’ve seen a lot,

I’ve seen soldiers line up, and seen ‘em drop.

Where should I begin? What was the meaning?

Those who don’t remember mistakes repeat ‘em.

And why’d it happen? I’mma sound out the reasons,

First, all these European states were scheming.

Imperialism – they wanted to expand,

Control people, control land.

Plus they had new ships and guns,

Militarism – that’s how these nations spending their funds.

And they had alliances and pacts,

Like if you punch him, I’mma punch you back.

And the people just cheer and grin,

Nationalism, everyone wants their team to win.

Yeah, it was like a bomb set to blow,

Was it inevitable? Well that’s debated,

But when Franz Ferdinand was assassinated,

The camel’s back broke, that was the last straw.

One domino goes down, they all fall,

Like…

I saw my best friend die,

But I still see him,

He’s right there by my side. (x2)

I hope you’re ready for more,

Propaganda’s all over; they’re selling the war,

Telling us all lies to enlist us,

Saying we would return to our loved ones by Christmas.

We were so amped – thought war was harmless,

How can you hug your family when you’re armless?

Stuck in a trench like a baseball dugout,

But when they get a hit, we have to pull a slug out.

And back home, they're eating rations,

Just a little food that has to last.

In Total War, we’re all playing our parts,

Women in factories making our parts.

African armies, colonial soldiers,

All fight in Europe; they’re following orders.

New technology vs. old tactics,

That means the whole death toll is massive.

New weapons, they’re killing us fast with,

Submarines, tanks, and poisonous gasses,

Big guns that go ratatatat,

Machine gun fire make a boy fall flat.

It’s not all quiet on the Western Front,

Nor the Eastern front, I won’t even front.

I’m so shell-shocked I don’t speak for months,

They might ship me in a box to my grieving mom.

I’m scared, I’m cold, soaked through my coat,

Four years later, a little hope.

Armistice, the fire ceased,

Then the Treaty of Versailles meant peace.

They cut up Eastern Europe, put shackles on Germany.

“Think that’ll work out?” Certainly!

At least this was the “War to End War,”

We’ll never have another world war, for sure…

I saw my best friend die,

But I still see him,

He’s right there by my side. (x2)

**Cold War**

Cold War turn us to a cold earth.

Let's see who'll let the bombs go first.

Whether in the Free World, "or the Eastern Bloc,"

It's a Cold War but the heat could drop.

**USA:**

True we just finished World War II,

With our Allies crew, now what we gonna do?

What up with the Russians? We can't trust them.

A Communist doctrine, yup they up to something.

**USSR:**

No we're just hanging with our neighbors,

In the Eastern Bloc, that's what a satellite state is.

**USA:**

But it was called an Iron Curtain by Churchill.

**USSR:**

No, Comrade. We need to put in more work still.

**USA:**

Okay yo, we’re going to make NATO.

Prepare to get contained so, y’all need to lay low.

**USSR:**

да неT - we're gonna start an arms race,

We're on a mission, getting missiles and a star base.

**USA:**

That’ll put us between a rock & a hard place.

**USSR:**

Mutually assured destruction...

**USA:**

We are not safe.

**USSR:**

I'm Nikita Khrushchev with the warheads.

**USA:**

We’ve got to make the United Nations,

Or there'll be more dead.

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Whether in the Free World, "or the Eastern Bloc,"

It's a Cold War but the heat could drop. (x2)

**USA:**

Bridges keep burning,

Look what the Soviets did: They split Berlin.

There’s no need to be scared if they blockade,

We'll break them off with an airlift.

**USSR:**

We're going to build a wall,

Anybody cross - we’re gonna kill them all.

And in the East it will be censored,

Nothing will be able to break through our defenses.

**USA:**

Word - you ain't heard of Radio Free Europe?

**USSR:**

And what about your Red Scare?

The Rosenbergs gave us plans.

**USA:**

But they're dead.

**USA:**

Yeah, McCarthy had us searching for spies.

It's a Cold War; everybody's wearing a disguise.

Cold War turn us to a cold earth.

Let's see who'll let the bombs go first.

Whether in the Free World, "or the Eastern Bloc,"

It's a Cold War but the heat could drop. (x2)

**USA:**

The crisis in Cuba is close,

World War III’s about to be off the coast.

The revolutionary Castro’s

Got the Sovs and their missiles.

It had us all froze.

**USSR:**

That's because you were acting like kids,

Trying to assassinate him at the Bay of Pigs.

By the way, thank you, Mr. Kennedy,

It seems our talks to withdraw were the remedy.

**USA:**

Hold up wait — is that you in space?

**USSR:**

We just launched Sputnik 1 — want to race?

**USA:**

Yeah – well we beat you to the moon.

Now it looks like Gorbachev’s got a new tune.

**USSR:**

Oh, I didn’t know you heard of Perestroika.

It looks like our economy is destroyed but...

**USA:**

Nah, it'll fall with the wall.

The Cold War could have been the end of us all.

Cold War turn us to a cold earth.

Let's see who'll let the bombs go first.

Whether in the Free World, "or the Eastern Bloc,"

It's a Cold War but the heat could drop. (x2)

**Globalization**

Flocab. We go global,

We're so global... we go global.

Flocab, check it out...

Look kid, you want to go solo?

Even Han Solo had Chewbacca to roll with.

No man's an island, stop wilding,

When we don't talk, it leads to violence. (Like World War II.)

Let's be United as Nations, mmmK?

UN peacekeeping force is so brave,

Countries in Europe want to compete,

But compared to superpowers, they're too weak.

So they form the EU, European Union,

Other countries join the join-up movement.

If you've got GDP, I mean plenty,

You could join the rich nations at the G20.

We see genocide in Sudan, Serbia,

It's real: guys will massacre and murder you.

We can try them at the International Criminal Court,

Something the US doesn't really support.

And disease now spread easily,

From H1N1 to HIV.

Millions are saved by our new vaccines,

But viruses adapt to stay on the scene.

And people die 'cause water isn't clean,

Biting mosquitoes will spread malarial disease.

But we've got Doctors Without Borders,

To help in war zones or where the poor live.

We've got jets, now it doesn't take weeks,

To get from Italy down to NYC.

Travel used to be slower than a tortoise,

Now I pass ports and I cross through the borders,

Bumping on a tour bus with a dozen tourists,

With my credit card I can charge like a Taurus.

We trade, import, export

New technology. You like? I can get more.

Earth isn't bigger, but the population is,

More people live and a lot are having kids.

Rich countries don't expand that much,

Poor countries have more kids than the Brady Bunch.

We live twice as long as we used to,

And our CO2 emissions? They've boomed too.

Overfishing for seafood, that's crazy kid,

We don't want to see food get 86'd.

Snail mail? Been practically abolished,

Information at your fingertips like nail polish.

What's happening overseas? Let me see,

I don't need a paper; I don't even need a TV.

I just log on… I've got connectivity,

Connecting me with anyone in any vicinity.

The truth is out there, check the news,

If you're staying ignorant – well that's on you.

**Classwork E**

1What was improved upon to give the people more food?

2What happened to the population after farming technology improved?

3What did James Watt invent?

4What was the 19th-century version of texting?

5Where did many children work during the Industrial Revolution?

6Where did the working class families live in the big cities?

7What type of economy did Adam Smith write about in The Wealth of Nations?

8What type of economy did Karl Marx believe in?

9What type of giant umbrella organizations did Standard Oil establish?

10What were tycoons like J.P. Morgan called?

11Who had a monopoly on steel?

12The application of Darwin's scientific concept of natural selection to the free market was called . . .

13Which act passed by Congress limits the growth of trusts?

14 Which economic policy, meaning "let it be" in French, prevents the government from exercising too much control over big businesses?

15What do we call deals and promises made between nations during wartime?

16What is the term for the advertisements that encouraged people to enlist?

17What is it called when all people (including those at home) are playing a part in the war?

18What country suffered as a result of the Treaty of Versailles?

19What alliance did the European nations form?

20What two diseases were rapidly being spread and were treated with newly developed vaccines and medicine?

21What type of disease can mosquitoes spread?

22What invention made international travel faster and more accessible than ever before?

23What is happening to the population numbers of poor countries?

24What types of emissions rose significantly in the era of globalization?