Work

Industrial Revolution: deeply affected Victorian society

1880s: second Industrial Revolution

gradual abolition of the exploitation of children

great **rise of the middle class**

gained an influencial position

increase of social differences

poors were forced to enter **workhouses** (sort of prisons for poors, created with New Poor Law, 1834)

1851: Britain was the **workshop of the world**

factories: unhealthy and risky places, but at the heart of the industrial process

dramatic development of urban settings: great contrast between richer areas and slums, especially in industrialised cities