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From basic observations that are listed by Green, daily life has dramatically changed within the past century. The simple tasks of traveling on foot, having no running water or electricity, and telling time by where the sun sits in the sky have shifted towards a more busy life of cars and planes, running water and factories, and even telling time by the minute! People were living longer and healthier lives which allowed for people to be allotted more time to learn, tinker, and experiment. In addition to this, people began to focus on one task within their role in society, allowing everyone to take part in contributing to other people's lives. The children are the ones being severely affected firsthand. Being the source for most of the factory labor, the cost to cover their wage was minuscule, allowing them to be less liable for they were easy to be replaced. Women and slaves were also fallen victim to "industrial oppression" due to the factory owner's desire for inexpensive mass reproduction.

Among the aristocracy and peasant social groups came along the bourgeoisie and proletariat class (working class). The bourgeoisie was identifiable in the wealth and land that they have acquired while the working class was the ones providing the labor for these individuals, who own the factories. In addition to this came along the middle class, with these individuals pertaining to roles that would benefit society as a whole, such as doctors, lawyers, teachers, etc. Clubs were formed in order to protect any interests that allowed these workers to have an identity of their own. Much like other hierarchical structures in the past, we can see that

gender restrictions became more static as wages were allowed to be paid less to women. In addition to this came those who were at the top, the bourgeoisie, then the middle class, and then the common proletariat class, respectively. This can be understood as something that could be worked for if given the circumstances which would cause one to move up or down along this hierarchy.