



The Industrial Revolution was one of the fundamental changes that have occurred in modern history. Karl Marx pointed out that before this event, the major problem for humanity was to produce enough goods; afterwards it was to deal with the overproduction caused by industrialization. The Industrial Revolution was the beginning of our modern world with regard to technology and practical life, just as the Renaissance revolutionized the view of humanity, the Reformation the manner in which religion was viewed, and the Enlightenment the beginning of the modern world view. The Industrial Revolution also began the pollution of the atmosphere that we now call the "greenhouse effect" and thus was important as the beginning of "global warming" induced by humans. Following is a picture of an early steam engine.