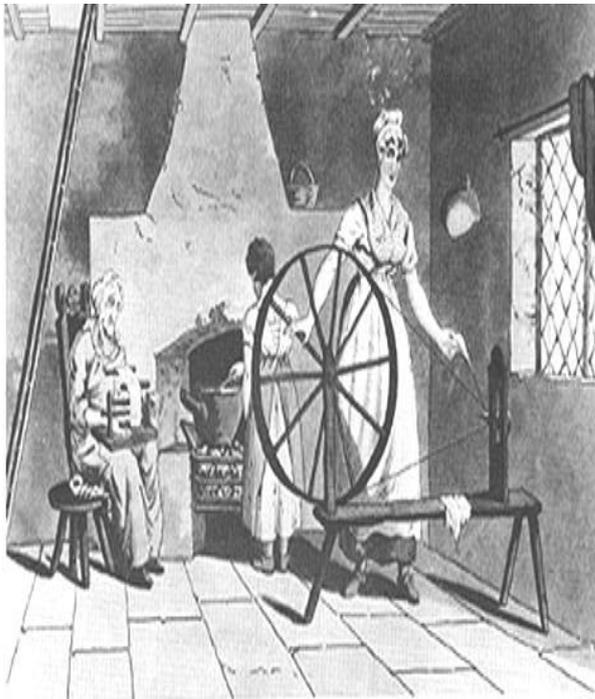


Year 8- Homework 1: Reading Homework on the Domestic service/ system

Before 1750 goods, generally cloth, were made on a very small scale, in the home. This industry (type of work) was called the Domestic Service or Cottage Industry. Families worked together in their homes with all members having a role in the industry:

- Cleaning of the wool or cotton, was usually done by small children or old people
- Carding - was brushing the wool or cotton to separate the fibres - done by older children
- The cleaned and carded wool or cotton would then be spun by spinsters who were generally unmarried daughters.
- Spinning was seen as a job for women while weaving was seen as a man's job.



The single room is dominated by a spinning wheel which is being worked by a woman - the spinster. Food is being cooked in the same room. A ladder on the left of the picture will take the workers to their bedroom once work for the day is finished and a window allows for light and ventilation

Advantages of Domestic Service:

- 1: The workers involved could work at their own speed while at home.
- 2: Conditions of work were better as windows could be open, people worked at their own speed and rested when they needed to.
- 3: Meals could be taken when needed.

Disadvantages of Domestic Service:

- 1: Children as young as four worked in the domestic system and the small amount of goods produced meant that the workers lived in poverty.
- 2: It took a long time to produce/ make goods
- 3: People used to eat/ sleep and work in the same room which was unhygienic.

Homework Task:

You need to highlight or underline the reading based on the following questions:

- 1: What was the Domestic Service industry also known as?
- 2: What work/job did small children do in Domestic Service work?
- 3: What role/ job did unmarried daughters do in Domestic Service?
- 4: List two advantages of Domestic Service
- 5: List two disadvantages of Domestic Service

Challenge Yourself: Are there any similarities between the Domestic Industry and work people take part in today? What are they? Do you think they help people in the modern day?