



Suggested Reading List Before Your Visit:

Introducing the Industrial Revolution to an elementary class requires age-appropriate and accessible reading materials that convey the subject matter's essence without overwhelming young learners. These books offer a mix of storytelling, history, and themes relevant to the Industrial Revolution, all tailored to engage and educate students.

"Oxcart Man" by Donald Hall

This story sets the stage for teaching about the Industrial Revolution, showing how we moved from an agricultural society to an industrialized nation.

"Brave Girl" by Michelle Markel

Tells the story of Clara Lemlich, a young immigrant girl who works in a garment factory, where she is forced to toil long hours for low pay in an unsafe environment.

"The Cotton Candy Catastrophe at the Texas State Fair" by D.L. Green

While not directly about factory mill workers, this book introduces the concept of cotton and its importance in early American industry.

"Kids on Strike!" by Susan Campbell Bartoletti

This book introduces the concept of child labor during the Industrial Revolution in a sensitive and age-appropriate manner. It discusses how children fought for their rights and better working conditions.

"The Little House" by Virginia Lee Burton

While not directly about factory mill workers, this classic book tells the story of a house that experiences urbanization over time. It can be used to discuss changes in communities and the impact of industrialization on landscapes.