“The Achievements of General Ludd: A Brief History of the Luddites” Reading Guide

1. What did it originally mean to be a Luddite?

2. To what can Luddism trace its roots back?
   a. What did the Enclosure Movement do?
   b. Perfection of …
   c. How did the Napoleonic wars affect Britain?
   d. The growth of …

3. Briefly compare and contrast Lancashire in 1780 and 1814?

4. What were the great forces behind Lancashire’s transformation?

5. How much more efficient were the new wide-frame machines than the old-style weaving machines?

6. What was the two-step government response to the Luddite uprising?

7. Why were several Luddites sent to Australia?

8. Describe what Luddites meant by the phrase “All Machinery hateful to Commonality.”

9. Was the military response to the Luddites successful? Explain your reasoning.

10. What were the five major effects of the Luddite movement?
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   d.
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