Why Grandma's Toys Were Made By Hand

Visual lesson



The Wooden Doll

Mia held her grandma's old wooden doll and asked why it looked so different from her toys. Grandma smiled, "Long ago, people made every toy slowly, using just their hands, one at a time." No two dolls were ever exactly alike, because each one took a whole day to carve.





The Big Machines

Grandma showed Mia a picture of a big noisy factory with giant machines. What do you think happened when people built big machines to help make things? Mia guessed the machines might make toys faster.

TALK ABOUT IT
What will the machines do?

One Machine Leads to Another

Grandma explained this big change was called the Industrial Revolution, a time when machines began helping people everywhere. Mia noticed pictures of trains, sewing machines, and giant looms all appearing around the same time — one helpful machine inspired many more new ideas.

> **TALK ABOUT IT**
> Find the three machines in order





The Power of Water

Here's a true wow fact, Grandma said: the first big factories used the power of rushing water to turn their machines, like a river pushing a giant wheel! Because moving water has strong push power, it could turn many machines at once without anyone getting tired.

TALK ABOUT IT

Did rushing water help turn the factory machines?

Two Paper Boats

Mia and Grandma made two paper boats — one folded by hand, one made with a folding tool that stamped the folds instantly. The tool-made boat was finished much faster. "So the Industrial Revolution means people found smart new ways to make things faster, using machines instead of just hands!" Mia grinned, and Grandma nodded proudly.



Check your wonder

1 **How were toys made long ago?**

- **A.** Slowly, by hand, one at a time
- **B.** Instantly by computers
- **C.** By robots underwater

2 **What happened when people built big machines?**

- **A.** They made things much faster
- **B.** They made things disappear
- **C.** They made toys smaller

3 **What gave the first big factories their power?**

- **A.** Rushing water
- **B.** Sunshine
- **C.** Wind from fans

ANSWERS 1-A 2-A 3-A

1. Yes! Long ago, everything was made slowly, by hand, one at a time. 2. Right! Machines helped people make more things, much faster than before. 3. That's the wow fact! Rushing water turned the giant wheels that powered the machines.

THE END

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