

# Industrial Revolution

*Working Conditions*

























# Chimney Sweeps

- As the industrial revolution grew, so did the need for chimney sweeps. The change from wood to the more popular use of coal caused buildup within chimneys to increase.
  - Children as young as 6 years old
  - Orphans or sold by poor parents
  - Indentured servants → Work for food and housing
- Many children would die within the chimneys by getting stuck while climbing their interior walls.
  - Rarely lived past middle age.

- Often times the children were too scared to climb into the narrow passageways, so to encourage them, their master would light a small fire under the child to force him to climb.
- Thus giving us the saying...

*“to light a fire under you.”*



















