



Canarygeog Worksheet

Industry - Answers

1. If a factory manufacturing cars closes down this will affect not only the factory but also many other factories or service companies linked to it. Using examples, explain why this is.

A car factory is actually an assembly plant, the parts are assembled from already manufactured components. If the factory closes, the suppliers will also lose or even have to close down. Examples are : engines, windscreens, tyres, lights ...

2. During the 20th century, industries such as coal mining or textiles closed down in countries like Britain. Why ?

The main reason was the exhaustion of raw materials as well as cheaper foreign production. Another important factor is the replacement of some materials for alternative products (coal or gas).

3. Explain why the factors which were important for locating an industry in the 19th century are different to now.

Most industries in the past were located in relation to the location or transport of the raw materials.

Modern industries are more footloose and depend much less on the natural environment for their location, today other factors are more important such as proximity to markets or to skilled workers.

4. Do you think companies like Mitsubishi would choose to locate in the UK without help from the government ? Give reasons for your answer.

Usually an MEDC has higher taxes and workers expect higher salaries so without these incentives it would not be very profitable for these companies to establish in an MEDC.