

“Rage Against the Machines”
SSR Reading Article Questions
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1. What is the title of this article suggesting?
2. Is a robot coming for your job? Explain.
3. By the next 20 years, what is predicted to be the percentage of automated jobs in the USA?
4. What replaced taxi drivers in Pittsburgh?
5. According to this article, name three jobs that are expected to vanish in 10-20 years?
6. What does the word vertiginous mean? Page 22.
7. What threw the textile economy into a tailspin?
8. What is a gig mill and how did it effect the economy?
9. According to this article, what does Historian Jenny Uglow say that factory work was like?
10. What does the article suggest was the earthquake that began to rumble in mid-November 1811?

11. What is a Luddite?
12. How did factory owners fight back against the Luddites?
13. What was the main issue for the Luddites, since they didn't mind the use of new technology?
14. What was despised of the industrial capitalist?
15. Who wrote about the idea of having a minimum wage and what was so controversial about it?
16. What did Parliament do to try to curb destruction of stocking or lace frames?
17. Once the croppers had lost their profession, what did they resort to doing for work?
18. What does Adrian Randall think is happening with technology these days?
19. What can be done to ease the transition to these machine driven jobs that replace humans?
20. What is the main idea of this article? Please leave your thoughts and perception of what you think will be the impact of this on our world today.