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In what ways did factory work transform people's lives, and how did it impact the social structure of cities?

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What role does the map suggest canals and railroads played in the Industrial Revolution?
The mandate system, developed by the League of Nations, was an attempt to create a stage between colonial status and independence for nations judged “not yet ... France, Belgium, South Africa, Japan, and Australia all were given mandate over territory they had earlier occupied.

Belgium had a strategic sliver of the Congo region of Africa. South Africa retained control of Southwest Africa. Australia kept the north-eastern part of New Guinea, which it had seized from Germany during the war. Japan had mandate over various Pacific Islands.

Many of British writer Rudyard Kipling’s poems, including “The White Man’s Burden,” have historical interest, because they capture perfectly the arrogance and racist assumptions of British imperialism in South Asia.

The effectiveness of the mandate system The British occupied India from 1757 (when Robert Clive gained control for the British East India Company) to 1947, when India and Pakistan, which had been under British rule since the 18th century gained independence. Britain maintained its power in the Middle East through, among other means, the mandate system. The British occupied Iraq from 1920 when Britain joined with France to occupy Iraq, to 1932 when Iraq achieved independence. Britain’s influence in the region was not diminished.

Many other nations have made imperialist moves in Asia. France conquered different parts of Indochina between 1858 and 1893, setting up a sphere of influence to compete with Britain. The Dutch ruled the east coast of the Malay Peninsula. The British, France, and the Netherlands controlled various parts of the Caribbean and South America. India and the Philippines were controlled by the United States, which had seized them from Spain in the Spanish-American War of 1898. The United States also controlled various parts of the Pacific, including the Marshall Islands, the Carolines, and the Marianas. The Mandate system was a way for the League of Nations to divide up the former German colonies in Africa.

Critical-Thinking Question: The map shows South Africa, itself a mandate power, in the pink color assigned to British mandate areas. What do you think this indicates?