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**The Industrial Revolution & the Arts & Crafts Movement**

When it comes to art, there is many different ways us, the viewer

sees it. It could express emotion, tell a story behind it and what meaning

is it showing us. For the Industrial Revolution and the Arts & Crafts movement, they had something interesting and similar that correlates to one another in a way. In some ways, it could’ve been that one was inspired by the other or vice versa.

The Industrial revolution took place in the 18th century from about

1760 then started again from 1820 – 1840. Before this were to happen in the late 1700s, making stuff was often created at home due to the use of tools or machinery. This caused industrialization to leave a mark in mass production with what’s being made. Stuff like furniture were created by high demand but in doing so caused a decrease in handmade products being made. But since objects were being made by heavy machinery, they lacked artistic value to them which made people not like them very much.

Now comes the Arts & Crafts Movement . This movement started in the 19th century and apparently was inspired by the Industrial revolution. Many different types of people were involved with this like designers, poets & etc. They were all influenced by different things and used techniques that were prior of the movement that were also used as well. One person that stood out from this movement was William Morris. Morris was the founder of the Arts & Crafts movement and was an English textile designer.

When it came down to comparing the two, yes they’re both from different periods of time. One from the 18th century while the other was made in the 19th century but one thing that’s similar is the philosophy that John Ruskin had that William Morris followed. He was captivated by it that he felt inspired and so did many others. Believe it or not, many different artists, architects and designer were so inspired they integrated some of Ruskin’s methods into their work. Mainly, the way how Ruskin worked, they loved it.

Ruskin worked on many things that were handmade but also admired the use of machinery to create new stuff. Only thing about that is that it just lacks creativity and art when it came to those things like furniture that were being made.