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Can there be another Industrial Revolution?

My research will consist of identifying top features a manufacturing company is looking for and comparing that to the Blackfeet Reservation. I will look at the reservation to identify the health of transportation, policy/legal, labor force, and land use as it pertains to businesses. Once I have a strong idea of how the area measures up to the need of a small manufacturing firm I will look at possible ways to improve that areas that could be seen as weak to a potential manufacturer. Once there is a plan on improving weaknesses I will go to the same manufacturers and ask them to score the Blackfeet Reservation before the research is complete and once the research is done and they are presented with a feasibility study showing the strong qualities of the reservation as well as a plan on how to improve the weaker manufacturing features. I will than present the findings to Montana State University as well as the Blackfeet Tribe. My findings presentation to the tribe will have the goal of discussing and improving weakness to attract a manufacturing firm that will develop a site on the Blackfeet Reservation, reducing the unemployment rate while increasing jobs and income across Montana. With the reservation a designated area for government contracts it seems like an ideal place to develop manufacturing.