



What should I already know?

I will have heard about Queen Victoria and inventions such as the railways and the development of the British Empire. I may have some knowledge of life in the Victorians from media such as Oliver Twist.

Who were the Victorians: Big questions

What did the Victorians invent?

This introduction lesson will share some of the amazing achievements of the Victorians.

How did the invention of the railways change peoples lives?

Having learnt about the inventions, we will explore the railways in detail and the impact of them.

What was life like for the Victorian poor?

Now we know about the inventions, we can explore the people behind them and the challenges they faced.

What was a workhouse?

Having established how brutal life was for the poor, we will examine whether it was any better in the workhouses.

How were people treated by the Victorians?

We will now explore differences in the way women, children, rich and poor were treated during the Victorian times.

What was life like in Victorian Britain?

This final task gives a chance to pull together what we have learnt and compare with other periods studied/ modern day.

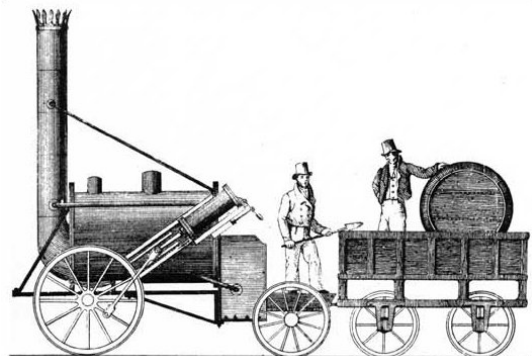
Victorian street



Victorian workhouse



Early Victorian steam locomotive





Vocabulary

Queen Victoria	Queen of the United Kingdom and Ireland from 1837 to 1901.
reign	The period of rule of a monarch.
mill	A building equipped with machinery for grinding grain into flour or manufacturing.
workhouse	A public building in which the poor of a parish received food and lodging in return for work.
chimney sweep	A person whose job is cleaning out the soot from chimneys.
master	A man who has people working for him, especially servants or slaves.
servant	A person who performs duties for the master of the house they are employed in.
shilling	A former British coin equal to one twentieth of a pound or twelve pence.
dunce	A person who is slow at learning.
ragged school	A charitable school for the education of poor children.
stage coach	A large closed horse-drawn vehicle formerly used to carry passengers and often mail along a regular route between two places.
locomotive	A powered railway vehicle used for pulling trains.
route	A way or course taken in getting from a starting point to a destination.

Media and reading

Victorian timeline

<p>D.K Eyewitness: Victorians by Ann Kramer</p> <p>Oliver Twist by Charles Dickens</p> <p>Street Child by Berlie Doherty</p> <p>The Victorians (BBC)</p>	<p>1837 - Queen Victoria was crowned at 18 years old. Houses of Parliament are built.</p> <p>1840 - Britain claims New Zealand as a colony. First postage stamps are used.</p> <p>1841 - Great Western Railway built between London and Bristol.</p> <p>1842 - Mines act stopped children under 10 working in the mines.</p> <p>1843 - Britain claims the Boer republic of Natal as a colony (modern day South Africa).</p> <p>1844 - Factory act stops children aged 8-13 from working more than 6.5 hours a day.</p> <p>1845 - 8000km of railway built across Britain.</p> <p>1850's - First post boxes were built.</p> <p>1850 - First workhouses opened to help the poor.</p> <p>1851 - First free public library in Winchester. London is Britain's largest city, with 2.4 million people living in it.</p> <p>1852 - First public flushing toilet in London.</p> <p>1854 - Cholera epidemic leads to demands for fresh clean water in cities.</p> <p>1856 - Britain defeats Russia in the Crimean war. Police forces now in every town.</p> <p>1858 - Queen Victoria becomes Empress of India.</p> <p>1863 - First underground station is built. The beginning of Football league.</p> <p>1864 - Law bans boys under 10 from being a chimney sweep.</p> <p>1871 - Bank Holiday act introduced.</p> <p>1876 - Telephone is invented and primary education is law.</p> <p>1878 - First electric lighting used in London.</p> <p>1883 - Egypt joins the British Empire. First electric railway built.</p> <p>1887 - Colony of Nigeria established.</p> <p>1891 - Free education for 5 to 13 year olds.</p> <p>1896 - Speed Limit raised from 4 to 14mph.</p>
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