

# Victorians

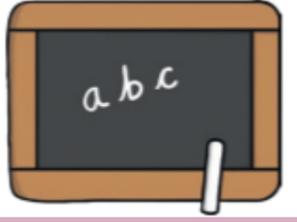
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| <b>1819</b><br>Queen Victoria is born | <b>1837</b><br>Queen Victoria becomes queen | <b>1834</b><br>New Poor Law is passed | <b>1840</b><br>Queen Victoria marries Prince Albert | <b>1842</b><br>Mine act stops children working in mines | <b>1861</b><br>Prince Albert dies | <b>1870</b><br>Education improvement act | <b>1891</b><br>Free education for all children | <b>1901</b><br>Queen Victoria dies |
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| Vocabulary    | Definition   |
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| Work house    | Where poor people lived and worked for food and clothes.                                       |
| Coal Mining   | Children as young as 4 worked underground in coal mines to pull trucks of coal to the surface. |
| Chimney Sweep | A young boy that climbed a chimney to clean it. A dangerous job.                               |
| Cane          | A stick used to hit children as a punishment.  |
| Law           | A rule that everyone in the country must follow.   |
| Dunce cap     | A hat that children had to wear as a punishment, it meant they were 'stupid'.                  |
| Governess     | A private teacher who went to the homes of rich children to teach them lessons.                |
| Coronation    | The event when someone becomes the new king or queen.  |
| Invention     | Something new that has never been created before   |

| Rich Victorians  | Poor Victorians  |
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| Children were taught lessons in their homes by a governess.                | Children had to go to work or went into work houses.                             |
| Lived much longer because they could afford to go to the better hospitals. | Had short lives because they were exposed to diseases and unhygienic conditions. |

## Education changes in Victorian times

In 1880, Queen Victoria passed a new law that allowed all children to have the opportunity to go to school for free.

|             | Victorian Schools  |   | Modern Schools   |
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| Access      | Very few children went to school because it was too expensive.   |    | All children have access to free education.  |
| Punishments | Teachers used canes to punish students for bad behaviour. Children wore Dunce's caps and wrote lines on the chalk board. |   | Teachers do not hurt the children! Rewards are more commonly used.                           |
| Classroom   | Large classrooms, no carpet. Teacher sits at the front on a tall chair. There are about 60 children in a class.          |  | Classrooms are bright and colourful. Classes are smaller. The teacher walks around the room. |
| Lessons     | Boys and girls often learn different things. Girls are taught to sew and boys are taught carpentry.                      |  | Everyone learns together.  |
| Equipment   | Black board, slate boards, ink and dip pens.   |  | Computers, white boards, iPads, text books.  |

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## Key Facts

- The Victorians were the people who lived during the **reign** of Queen Victoria.
- More and more **factories** and **workhouses** were built for people to work in, so towns and cities grew.
- The railways grew so people could travel faster and further.
- The poor were very poor - they worked in **workhouses** and **factories**.
- Many rich people had servants.
- There was no electricity.
- Not many people could read or write but Queen Victoria made all children go to school.
- Children were made to work in dangerous places such as in coal mines or as chimney sweeps. They worked very long hours for very little money.

## Victorian Inventions



telephone



motorcar



typewriter



bicycle



bank holidays  
and  
seaside holidays



moving films

Lightbulb



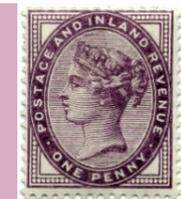
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Ice cream  
maker



Stamp



Flushing  
toilet



Sewing  
machine

