

Year 4- Term 6 - The Victorians



Queen Victoria was a British Queen who reigned from **1837 to 1901**.

At the time of her death, she was the longest-reigning British monarch.

This has since been overtaken by Queen Elizabeth II.

The '**Victorian**' period of history is **named after Queen Victoria**.

Queen Victoria had a **great impact** on the world:

- Britain became the most **powerful country** in the world
- The **Industrial Revolution** - factories and machines were built to meet demands of people
- production of **coal, iron, steel and textiles**
- breakthroughs in Arts and Sciences.
- first monarch to visit other countries

The lives of the rich and poor were very different. The **rich** lived a life of ease and **comfort**. They had servants to run their large houses. They wore **elaborate clothing** and ate meals of many courses. Life for the **poor** was very **challenging**. They often didn't have enough money for a decent meal or housing. They lived in constant fear of the **workhouse** (where people who didn't have a job or home lived).

Life for Victorian children was very different to today.

Children from **rich households** had plenty of **toys** to play with and did not work. Children from **poor households** had to **work long hours in difficult, dangerous jobs**. They didn't have toys to play with but some made their own (such as rag balls).

Lord Shaftesbury helped to improve the lives for children by reducing the working hours of children.

Schooling

At the start of the Victorian era, very few children attended school. In **1880** laws changed and **every child had to go to school**.

Leisure time

Public holidays were introduced. **Seaside** trips became popular. Parks and zoos introduced.

What do you remember?



- Can you name any British monarchs?
- Who is the longest reigning British monarch?
- Which time period came before The Victorians?

The British Empire under Victoria's reign



Vocabulary



Monarchy	A monarchy is a form of government that has a single person known as a monarch at its head . Monarchs use such titles as king, queen, emperor, or empress
Workhouse	Workhouses were large buildings where poor people who had no home or job lived
Reign	Reign means to rule, especially as a king or queen, and it can also be used as a noun referring to the period during which a ruler rules.
Disease	An illness that can make you very unwell or possible even cause death.
British Empire	The British Empire is a term used to describe all the places around the world that were once ruled by Britain.
Poverty	Poverty is not having enough money resources to enjoy a decent standard of living. Not able to access healthcare, education or water and sanitation facilities etc.
Industrial	An industry is a group of businesses that make or sell similar products or perform similar services. Farms are part of the agricultural industry. Factories are part of manufacturing industries.
Punishment	Punishment is when something is done to a person (or animal) that they do not like. It may be because they broke a rule. There are many kinds of punishment.

Ragged schools

These were free schools for poor children's education. The London Ragged Schools Union was established in April 1844. They gave free education, food, clothes and other services. The classes were sometimes held in stables, lofts and railway arches. Most teachers were volunteers but there were some who were paid. About 300,000 children went to London ragged schools between 1844 and 1881.



School rules

1. Talk quietly
2. Sit with your feet together hands folded behind your backs
3. When ever you talk finish with ma'am
4. If a visitor or adult enters stand up
5. Children must not speak unless spoken to



Dinosaurs	Stone Age	Bronze Age	Ancient Egypt	Ancient Greece	Iron Age	Romans	Vikings	Anglo-Saxons	Mayans	Normans	Tudors	Victorians	WWII
145 million years ago	30,000 - 3,000BC	3300 BC - 1200 BC	3100 BC - 332 BC	900 BC - 320 BC	800 BC - 43 AD	750 BC - 47AD	793 BC - 1066 AD	410 BC - 1066 AD	250 BC - 900 AD	1066	1485-1603	1837-1901	1939 - 1945
BC means before the birth of Jesus						AD means after the birth of Jesus							