

Topic Vocabulary

Industrial Revolution – A period when machines and factories changed the way goods were made.

Empire – A group of countries and territories ruled by one nation.

Workhouse – A place where poor people lived and worked in return for food and shelter.

Factory – A building where goods are made using machinery.

Mill – A factory where materials, especially cotton, are processed

Chimney Sweep – A person, often a child, who cleaned chimneys.

Invention – Something new that has been created.

Railway – A transport system using trains that run on tracks.

Monarch – A king or queen.

Poverty – The state of being extremely poor.

Autumn Term History Learning Grid for Year 5 Victorian Britain (1837-1901)

Victorian Timeline

1837 - Queen Victoria becomes Queen

1840s - Railways spread across Britain

1851 - The Great Exhibition opens in London

1870 - Schooling becomes available

1880 - Education becomes compulsory

1901 - Queen Victoria dies

Historical Facts to Learn

- The Victorian era lasted from 1837 to 1901 during the reign of Queen Victoria.
- Britain became one of the most powerful countries in the world during Victorian times.
- The population of towns and cities grew rapidly because of the Industrial Revolution.
- Many children worked in factories, mines and mills before laws were introduced to improve conditions.
- Railways expanded across the country and changed the way people travelled.
- Rich and poor Victorians often lived very different lives.
- New inventions such as the telephone, camera and electric light transformed daily life.
- The Great Exhibition of 1851 showcased inventions and achievements from around the world.

Home Learning Challenge Ideas

- Write a diary entry as a Victorian child.
- Create a comparison poster showing life today and life in Victorian times.
- Design and label a Victorian invention.
- Research Queen Victoria and create a biography.
- Make a Victorian-style toy and explain how it would have been played with.
- Draw or paint a Victorian street scene.
- Bake a Victorian recipe with an adult and write a review.
- Create a timeline showing the most important events of the Victorian era.

Useful Weblinks

- <https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/to pics/zxwxvcw>
- <https://www.natgeokids.com/uk/discover/history/general-history/victorians>
- <https://www.dkfindout.com/uk/history/victorian-britain>