

Year 4 History

What was it like to be a Child in The Victorian Era?

Prior learning

In Year 1, you learnt about The Industrial Revolution and the way it changed life in Britain.

In Year 2, you learnt about the life and reign of Queen Victoria as part of your topic on "Monarchs."

Future learning

In Year 6, as part of your Crime and Punishment topic, you will learn about prisons in Victorian Britain and the types of punishment people would receive during The Victorian era.

In this topic you will:

- Learn about what Hackney was like in The Victorian Era.
- Learn about The British Empire and its impact both in Britain and in Africa.
- Discover the class system in Victorian Britain and the impact it had on people's way of life.
- Reflect on how The Industrial Revolution changed Britain, the role of The British Empire in The Industrial Revolution and experience for children during this time of change.
- Beliefs held by The Victorian population.

A Timeline of this Period in History

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| 1750 - 1900 | The Industrial Revolution took place in Britain. |
| 1837 | Queen Victoria's reign begins |
| 1838 | Enslaved people were freed from The British Empire and slavery ended. |
| 1842 | Mines Act ends child labour |
| 1850 | Workhouses are opened. |
| 1854 | Cholera epidemic in Britain. |
| 1880 | School is made compulsory for 5-10 year olds |
| 1883 | First electric railway |
| 1891 | Free education for every child. |
| 1900 | 45 million people or one third of African people were colonised by Britain. |
| 1901 | Queen Victoria dies and her reign comes to an end. Britain's population is at 40 million. |

Key Vocabulary

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| Era | A long and distinct period of history. |
| Reign | The period when a monarch rules. |
| Empire | Countries ruled over by a single monarch or state. |
| Colonisation | The process of settling among and establishing control over the native people of an area. |
| Labour | Physical work. |
| The Industrial Revolution | A period of technological advances, which had an impact on every aspect of life in Britain. |
| Industrialisation | The development of machinery and manufacturing of goods. |
| Law | A system of rules. |
| Cholera | An infectious and often fatal bacterial disease of the small intestine. |

