



# The Victorians



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Who were the Victorians?



'The Victorians' are people who lived in the United Kingdom when a queen called 'Queen Victoria' ruled.

**Queen Victoria** ruled for many years and lots of people liked her.





This is a picture of **Queen Victoria** as a young woman.



Queen Victoria became queen in 1837 and ruled for 64 years.

During these years, Britain, and the other countries in the UK, changed a lot.



This is called a timeline.



Queen Victoria was ruled for 64 years.



1837

1901

Queen Elizabeth II is our queen today.



1800

1900

2020



Queen Victoria was queen 187 years ago!



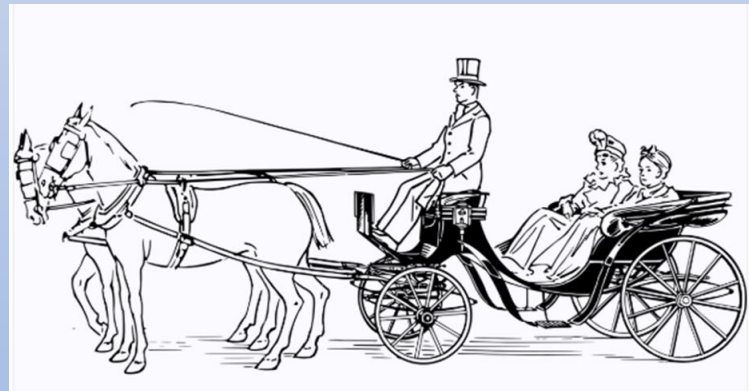
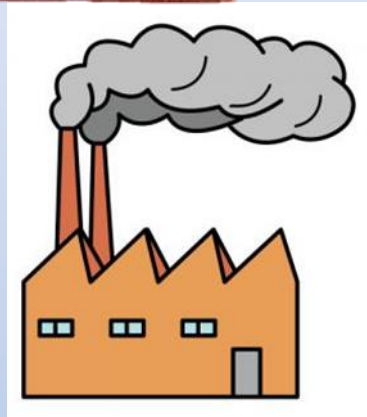
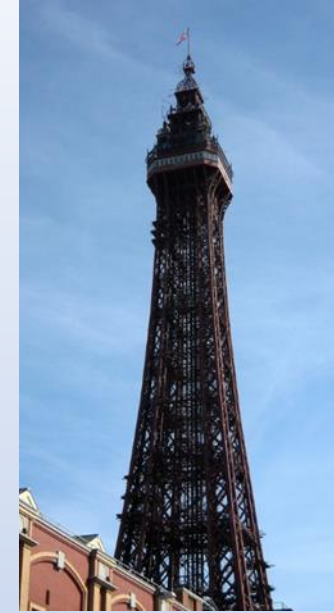
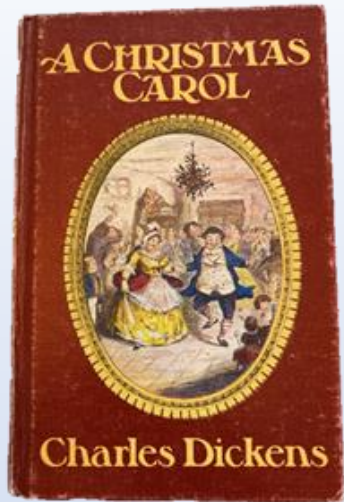


Queen Victoria was the queen of a lot of countries, including Canada, parts of India and Australia.

On the next slide there are lots of different pictures.

These pictures will give you some clues about what life was like during Victorian times.







What was everyday life like in Victorian times?



workhouse

factory



Painting A (see Appendix)



Some Victorians were very **poor** and some were very **rich**.

**Poor Victorians** worked in factories and mills. Some worked as servants for rich people. Children from poor families also had to work.

Some Victorians were so poor that they lived in a **workhouse**. A workhouse was not a nice place to live.

This child is a chimney sweep. He cleaned chimneys!



This is what a **servant** in a rich Victorian house might have looked like.



This is a painting from Victorian Times.

This lady is the wife of a fisherman.

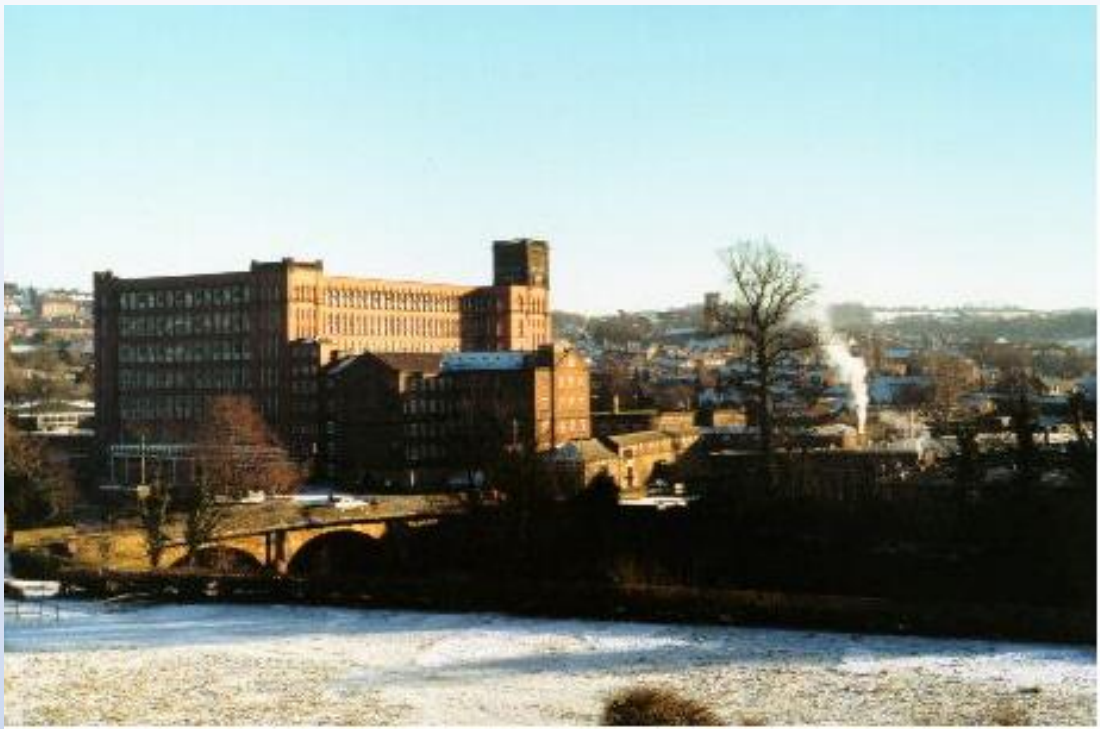


Some Victorians lived in the countryside and were **farmers**.



Painting B (see Appendix)





Belper Mill in Derbyshire - A cotton mill in Victorian times.

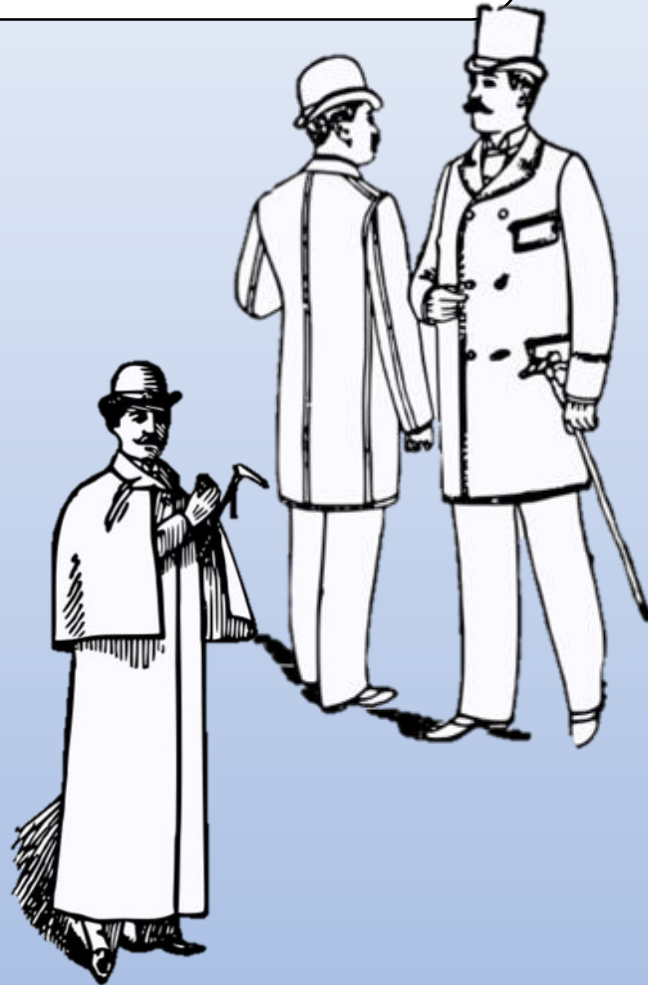
These are machines that were in cotton mills. Children from poor families would work with these machines.



They could be very dangerous because they moved fast!



How did Victorian people dress?



Painting C (see Appendix)



These are photographs and paintings of Victorian people.

What can you see?

There are more on the next slide...



Hats and bonnets were popular.



Women often wore their hair up.



Photograph D (see Appendix)



Women wore long dresses or skirts.





Rich men wore a top hat.



Poor men wore a flat cap.



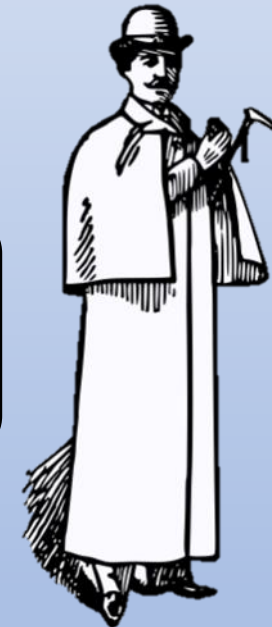
waistcoat



Men often carried a walking stick or cane.



Some men's coats had a cape on them.



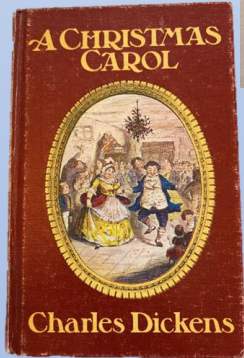


What did the Victorians do for fun?

The Victorians liked to read.



This is Charles Dickens – a famous writer from Victorian times.



books



violin



This is a brass band. The photograph was taken just after Victorian times.

The Victorians liked to listen to, and play music.

piano



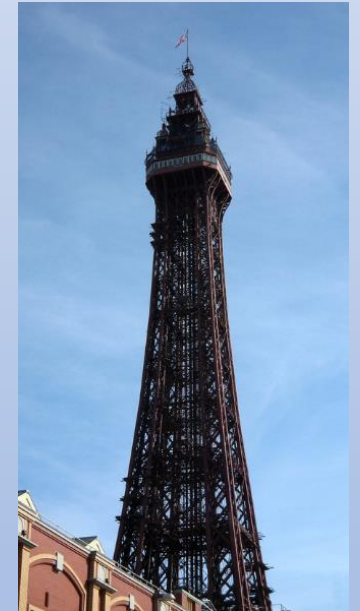
The Victorians enjoyed visiting the seaside. Blackpool and Brighton were very popular.



The Victorians liked to walk on the pier and breathe the fresh sea air.

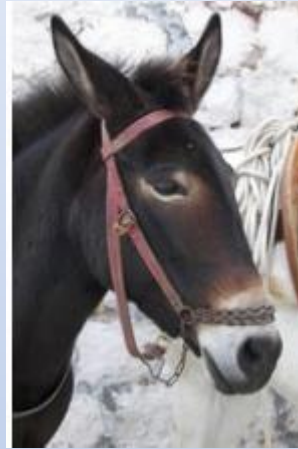


Pier



Blackpool Tower was built during Victorian Times.

The Victorians liked to ride on donkeys and play in the sand - like we do!

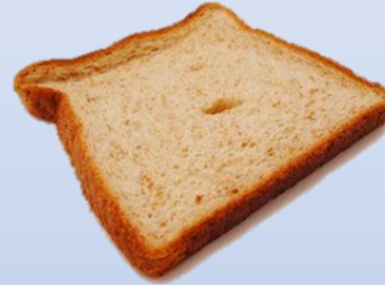
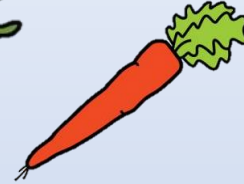
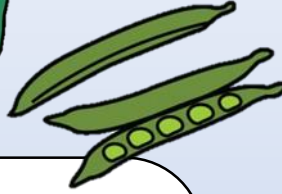
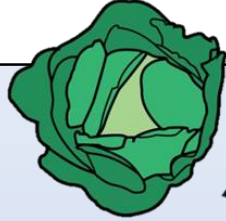


The Victorians liked to watch a puppet show called 'Punch and Judy'.





What did the Victorians like to eat?



Victorians did not shop in supermarkets - they hadn't been invented yet!

Victorians bought their food from high street shops.

These foods were popular: cheese, eggs, bread, bacon, mutton (older sheep meat), pork, beef, potatoes, rice, oatmeal, milk, vegetables, flour, sugar, treacle, jam and tea.



Poor Victorians did not eat a lot. They would have old vegetables and meat if they could afford it.



Did Victorian children go to school?

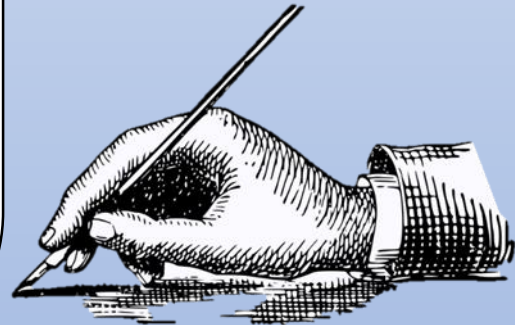


At the beginning of Victorian times, poor children had to work and did not go to school.

Rich children were taught at home by a special teacher called a 'governess'.

Later, special rules were made so that most children could go to school.

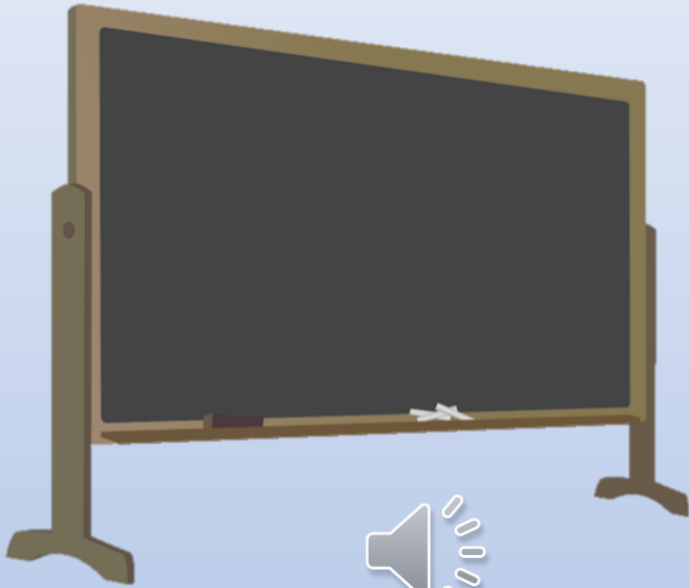
This is what a Victorian classroom might have looked like.







Here are some objects that you might have seen in an Victorian classroom...



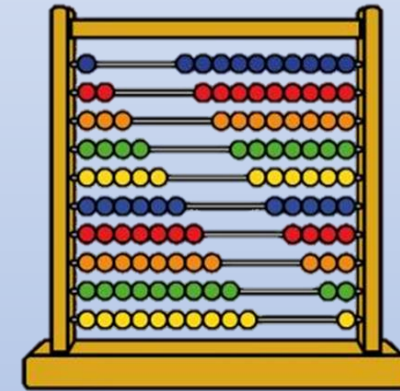
The teacher would write on a large blackboard at the front of the classroom.



Paper was very expensive so children wrote on slates with a special slate pencil.



Older children used ink pens. They had to dip their pen in the ink a lot or it would run out.



An abacus was used to help children in Maths lessons.



What were Victorian houses like?

In towns, poor people lived in small terraced houses



Wealthy Victorians lived in large terraced houses that had gardens at the front and the back. They also had rooms for their servants to live in!



Hutton Hall, North Yorkshire. Built in 1866.

Rich Victorians lived in large, detached houses called 'villas'.



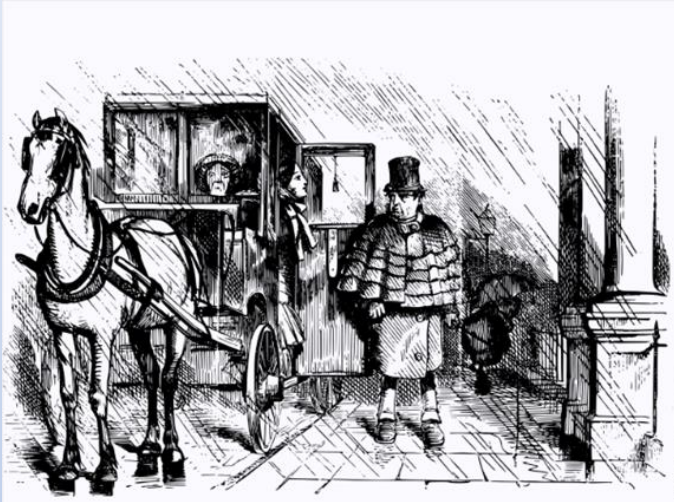


Did the Victorians have cars?

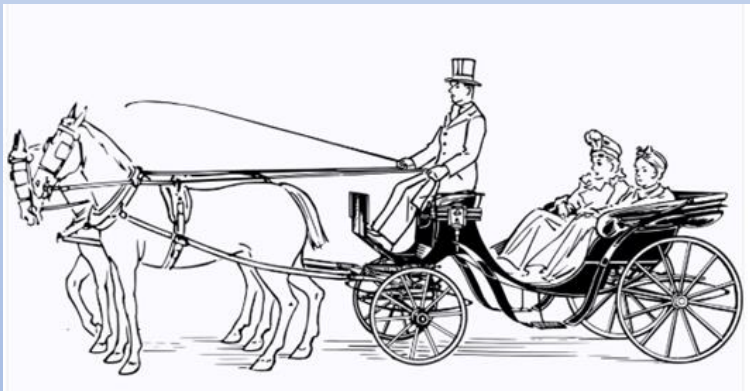
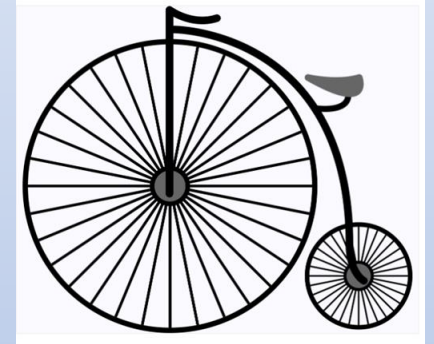


This is a penny farthing.

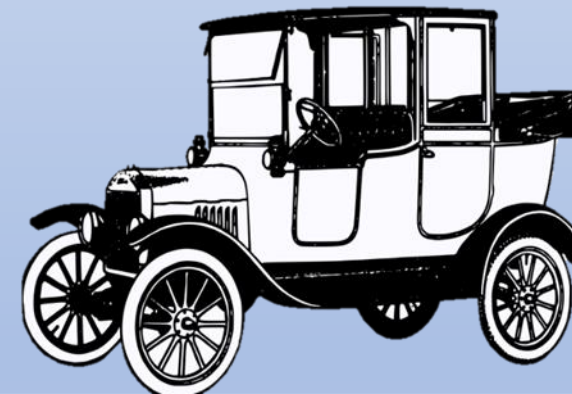
It is a bicycle invented in Victorian times.



Early Victorians travelled in horse-drawn carriages.



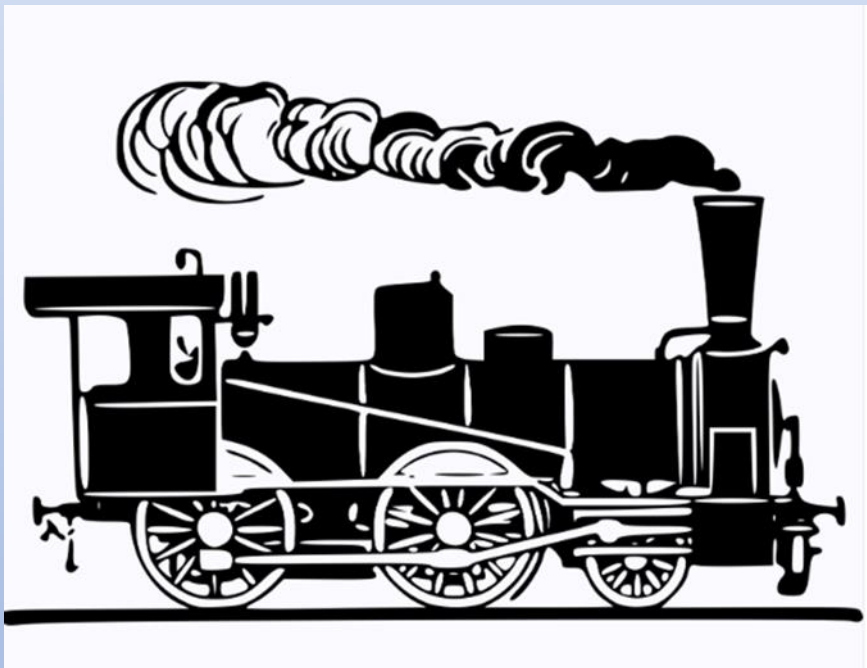
Cars were first invented during Victorian times.





During Victorian times, people also travelled by steam train.

In the 1840s and 1850s, 8000 miles of train tracks were built all across Britain!



## Appendix

**Painting A:** 'But Men Must Work and Women Must Weep', 1883 by Walter Langley.  
Birmingham Museums Trust.

**Painting B:** 1890P86

'But O For the Touch of a Vanished Hand, 1888', Walter Langley. In 1882, Langley settled in Newlyn, Cornwall. The subjects of his paintings were typically Cornish fishermen and their families. The title is taken from the Tennyson poem 'Break Break Break'.  
Birmingham Museums Trust.

**Painting C:** 'The Reading Lesson' 1855 by John Dawson Watson -  
Birmingham Museums Trust

**Photograph D:** [Mary Church Terrell, three-quarter length portrait, seated, facing front].  
Photograph from the Biographical Collection, [between 1880 and 1900, printed later].  
Library of Congress Prints & Photographs Division. <https://www.loc.gov/item/97500102/>

## Useful websites:

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/teach/class-clips-video/ks2-the-victorians/z48bnrd>

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/teach/school-radio/history-victorians/zh2w47h>

<http://www.primaryhomeworkhelp.co.uk/victorians.html>

<https://www.everyschool.co.uk/history-key-stage-2-victorians.html>

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