

Victorians and the Industrial Revolution

History

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Key Facts

- The Industrial Revolution started in the late 1700s and saw significant growth in steam-powered machinery. The number of large factories increased rapidly and cities increased in size as people moved to work in the factories.
- The increase in population meant that there was more need for food, goods and housing which soon led to overcrowding.
- Very young children were made to work and it wasn't until the end of the Victorian era that the law was changed to stop children working in such terrible conditions.
- Many inventions, which we still use today, were invented during this era.
- The Victorian era was a time of significant technological, scientific, economic and social change.
- While there was immense wealth for many, lots of people still lived in terrible poverty.
- The British Empire grew and Britain ruled over a quarter of the world's population.

Chronology

1712	Thomas Newcomen invented the first steam engine
1837	Queen Victoria crowned (aged 18)
1838	Slavery is abolished in the British Empire
1840	Queen Victoria marries Prince Albert First ragged schools set up 'Railway Mania' begins
1844	The Factory Act says children can start work from age 8 but must have 2 hours of schooling daily
1846	First Christmas cards sold
1847	Factory Act states women and children can only work for 10 hours each day
1848	First Public Health Act
1850	Workhouses open
1851	The Great Exhibition
1852	The first public flushing toilet is opened in London
1861	Prince Albert dies
1869	John Sainsbury opens a small shop
1870	Dr Barnardo opens his first home for boys
1871	First FA Cup
1876	Alexander Graham Bell patents the telephone
1877	Queen Victoria declared Empress of India
1879	Invention of the light bulb
1880	Children age 5-13 required to attend school but have to pay
1881	First electric street lighting appears
1891	Education made free and compulsory for children 5-13.
1887	The gramophone is invented
1889	The first vacuum cleaner is invented
1901	Queen Victoria dies

Vocabulary

empire	A number of nations ruled by one country
poverty	Being extremely poor
Industrial Revolution	A period during the 18th and 19th centuries when machines were used more and more in factories to make goods
consequence	Result or effect
law	A set of rules
conditions	How good or bad something is
Workhouse	A place where people unable to support themselves went to live and work

Useful links and sources

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/history/british/victorians/>

<https://www.thehistorypress.co.uk/the-victorians/>

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

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