



Would you have liked to be a child during the Victorian era?

Key Knowledge and Concepts

Word	Definition
century	A period of 100 years
pivotal	Something extremely important that affects how something develops
prior	Something coming before in time
employ	Give work to someone and pay them for it
subsequent	Something coming after in time
legislation	Laws
poverty	The state of being extremely poor
philanthropist	Someone who helps others, often with money and often secretly
adolescence	A young person develops from a child into an adult
Industrial Revolution	The changes that happened in manufacturing

Key Events

- 1837**– Victoria became queen at the age of 18 and the houses of parliament were built
- 1840– Lord Shaftesbury persuaded the government to investigate working conditions in coal mines.
- 1842**– The Mines Act stopped children under 10 from working in the mines
- 1844**– The factory Act stops children between 8-13 working more than 6.5 hours a day.
- 1850**– Workhouses opened to try to help the poorest people in return for their labour
- 1870**– schools provided for 5-10 year olds
- 1880**– The Education Act makes compulsory schooling for all children between 5 and 10
- 1901**- Queen Victoria died.

Key People

Queen Victoria



Lord Shaftesbury



Key Facts

The rich and poor: There was a clear divide between rich and poor families. Poor families had very poor living conditions and many lived on the streets. Rich families would be well dressed and go on holidays.

Schools: Victorian schools focused on reading, writing, maths and PE. The boys and girls would also learn separate subjects.

Steam Power: The invention of this was the reason many families were poor. Less men were needed to work but it was dangerous.






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 before	earlier than
 reign	How long a king or queen rules for.



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