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# **Webquest: The Victorians**



# The Victorians lived over one hundred and fifty years ago during the reign of Queen Victoria (1837 to 1901).

- Find the following website on the internet:

  <a href="http://primaryhomeworkhelp.co.uk/victorians.html">http://primaryhomeworkhelp.co.uk/victorians.html</a>
- Scroll the menu down and click on Queen Victoria. Answer the following questions.

# **Queen Victoria**

1. Who was Queen Victoria?

Victoria was the Queen of England of the 19th century.

2. When and where was Queen Victoria born?

Queen Victoria was born on may 24 of 1819 in Kensington palace in London, England.

3. What was Queen Victoria's first name?

It was Alexandrina Victoria

4. What was Victoria's first language?

German

5. How old was she when she learnt English?

At 3 years old

6. Did she go to school?

No she learned at home

7. How old was Victoria when she became Queen?

Queen Victoria came to the throne when she was only 18 years of age on June 20, 1837.





# 8. Who did she marry and when?

At the age of 21, Victoria married her cousin, Albert of Saxe-Coburg Gotha, a German Prince. They married on the 10th February 1840 at the Chapel Royal in St. James's Palace.

# 9. How long did Queen Victoria reign?

Queen Victoria reigned for exactly sixty-three years, seven months, and two days

#### 10. Where did she live?

Queen Victoria had many homes. She lived in Buckingham Palace, Windsor Castle, Osborne House (Isle of Wight) and Balmoral Castle.

# 11. What hobbies did Queen Victoria have?

Queen Victoria loved singing and she enjoyed painting and drawing. She loved going to the opera.

# 12. What did Britain become during the Victorian times?

Britain became the most powerful and richest country in the world, with the largest empire that had ever existed, ruling a quarter of the world's population.

#### 13. When did she die?

Queen Victoria died on 22 January, 1901 at Osborne House on the Isle of Wight. She was 81.

# 14. How many children did she have?

Queen Victoria had 9 children.

# 15. Who became the next king after Queen Victoria?

Queen Victoria was succeeded by her eldest son, Albert Edward, Prince of Wales. He became King Edward VII.

#### Now click on Children



# 16. What was life like for children living in Victorian Britain?

Children from working class families	Children from rich families
<ul> <li>had few luxuries.</li> <li>ate poor food</li> <li>worked long hours</li> <li>lived in damp, filthy conditions.</li> <li>Many children died of disease.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>usually well fed, clean and well clothed. didn't need to work went on holidays had expensive toys had pets such as ponies.</li> </ul>





# Go to the Industrial Revolution.



17. During the 1800s the Industrial Revolution spread throughout Britain.  ☐ False
18. In 1837, Britain was still a rural nation with $\Box$ 60 % $\Box$ 70% $\bigstar$ 80% of the population living in the countryside.
19. By the middle of the nineteenth century over $\Box$ 40% $\bigstar$ 50% $\Box$ 60% of the population lived in towns and cities.
20. The Industrial Revolution gained pace because of the power of
21. This led to a massive increase in the number of Factories
22. Many of the people lived in □ good poor conditions.
23. There was a Shortage of houses.
24. A worker could have his own room.   True False  12/π00m
25. Many factory owners built houses for their workers but they were built really quickly andcheaply.
26. The houses were k too small 🗆 big enough for large Victoriar families.
27. The houses did not have running <sup>Water</sup> and
28. Up to 🗆 10 💢 100 houses had to share an outdoor pump and ar outside toilet.
29. The water from the pump was $\square$ clean. polluted.
30. Many factory owners were more interested in profit than in the health

#### Click on Workhouses.



- 31. Read the information on workhouses and make sentences.
- Workhouses were where
- Also in the workhouses were orphaned
- Men, women and children had different
- They could be punished if

- working and living areas so families were split up.
- people who had no job of home lived.
- and abandoned children, the physically and mentally sick, the disabled, the elderly and unmarried mothers.
- they tried to speak to one another.

#### Go to Inventions.

- 32. What means of transport allowed people to travel cheaply and rapidly?

  The railways
- 33. When did the first postage stamps come into use?

  The postal service expanded after the introduction of the 'Penny Post'.
- 34. What opened in London in 1852?

  The first public flushing toilet opens in London. Before the 1850s most people had to use an earth closet, which was a toilet outside the house with just soil in it and
- 35. What happened in 1863 in London?

The world's first underground railway (the Tube) is opened in London. It is powered by steam.



36. Who wrote Alice in Wonderland?

Lewis Carrol

no water.

- 37. What did Alexander Graham Bell invent in 1876? In 1876 at the age of 29 Alexander Graham Bell invented the telephone.
- 38. Who created the modern police force?

Sir Robert Peel



