

Knowledge Organiser - Victorians

Year 5 - History



Timeline of Key Events:

1837 - Queen Victoria crowned (aged 18 years).

1840 - Queen marries her cousin, Prince Albert.

1840 - first ragged schools set up.

1844 - factory act states children could start work from age 8 but had to have 2 hours schooling daily.

1847 - factory act states women and children under 18 could only work 10 hours or less daily.

1851 - Great Exhibition.

1861 - Prince Albert dies.

1863 - first underground railway opens in London.

1867 - all factory workers limited to 10 hours work daily.

1870 - Dr Barnardo opens first home for boys.

1877 - Queen declared 'Empress of India'.

1880 - Children 5 - 13 required to attend school (but had to pay).

1882 - first electric power station in London.

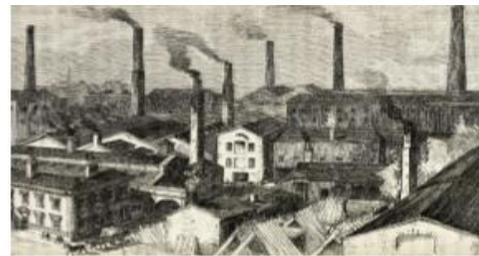
1891 - education made free and compulsory for children 5 - 13.

1897 - Queen Victoria dies.

Key Vocab	Definitions
Manufacturing	Building or making things.
Industrial Revolution	The change that happened in Victorian England when machines and factories were used to make work easier.
Empire	A group of countries ran by a single state (e.g. the British Empire, which ruled over many countries such as India, Australia and Jamaica).
Reign	The time period when a monarch rules.
Workhouse	A place where homeless or poor adults and children were forced to work.
Ragged school	A free school for Homeless Victorian children ran and opened as a charity by Doctor Barnardo.
Coronation	An event where a king or queen is crowned.



The Victorian period is named after Queen Victoria who reigned over Britain and a world Empire from her coronation in 1837 to her death in 1901 - 64 years. Life in Victorian England was very different to today. It was a time of great wealth and poverty, as well as invention and scientific discovery.



Useful Websites:

<http://www.primaryhomeworkhelp.co.uk/victorians/websites.htm>

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/schools/primaryhistory/victorian-britain/>

<http://primaryfacts.com/famous-victorians/>

Enquiry Questions

When was the Victorian period?

What was it like to be a Victorian child in London?

Who was Lord Shaftesbury?
Why was he important?

Are there any Victorian buildings in Millbrook? How have they changed?

What was life like for the poor in Victorian London?