

Victorian Britain: Ellie's Social Studies / History Explorer Cards

Learning objective: To recall and understand key facts about life, inventions, and social changes during the Victorian era.

Read the front of each card to test your knowledge about the Victorian period. Flip to the back (after the 'Answer:' label) to check if you are right. Use these to help Ellie the elephant learn more about history!

Who was the monarch who gave the Victorian era its name?	What was the 'Industrial Revolution'?
Queen Victoria, who reigned from 1837 to 1901.	A period when inventions like steam engines changed how goods were made in factories instead of at home.
What was a Victorian Workhouse?	What were 'Ragged Schools'?
A place where people who were very poor and had no money could go to live and work in exchange for basic food and shelter.	Free schools set up by kind people to provide education for children from very poor families.
True or False: Victorian children often worked in coal mines and factories.	How did most people travel long distances in the early Victorian era?
True. Many children had dangerous jobs before laws were passed to protect them.	By horse and carriage, or by canal boat.
What invention revolutionised travel across the country during this time?	Who was a famous Victorian nurse who improved hospital conditions?
The steam locomotive and the expansion of the railway network.	Florence Nightingale.
What was the main purpose of the 'Factory Acts'?	What was a popular Victorian seaside activity?
To limit the number of hours children could work and improve their safety.	Taking a trip to the coast by train to visit the beach and walk on the pier.
How much might a simple loaf of bread cost a poor Victorian family?	What is a 'Social Reformer'?
Prices varied, but it often cost a few pence, which was a large portion of a low weekly wage.	A person who works to change laws and improve the lives of people living in poverty.