

Victorian Britain: Ellie's Historical Explorer Cards

Learning objective: To identify key features of life in the Victorian era, including social changes, inventions, and the life of Queen Victoria.

Use these flashcards to test your knowledge of the Victorian period. Read the question on the front, think of your answer, and then check the back to see if you were correct!

Who was the monarch who gave the Victorian era its name?

Queen Victoria, who reigned from 1837 until 1901.

What was the 'Industrial Revolution'?

A period where Britain changed from a farming society to one driven by factories, machines, and steam power.

What was a workhouse?

A place where people who were too poor to feed or house themselves were sent to live and work in very harsh conditions.

Why were steam trains important during the Victorian era?

They allowed people and goods to travel across the country much faster than ever before.

What does 'child labour' refer to in Victorian history?

The practice of children working long, dangerous hours in factories, mines, or as chimney sweeps instead of attending school.

What is a 'primary source'?

An object or document from the past, such as a diary, letter, or photograph, that provides evidence about history.

How did the Victorian era change education for children?

Over time, new laws were passed, such as the 1880 Education Act, which made it compulsory for children to attend school.

What was the purpose of a 'ragged school'?

A charity school that provided free education for children living in poverty.

Describe the Victorian 'British Empire'.

A vast collection of countries across the world that were governed or controlled by Britain during Queen Victoria's reign.

What invention revolutionised communication in the Victorian era?

The electric telegraph, which allowed messages to be sent instantly over long distances.