

Year 5 History Assessment: The Victorian Era

Learning objective: To demonstrate knowledge and understanding of Victorian society, technological advancements, and the impact of the Industrial Revolution.

Read each question carefully before writing your answer. Ensure you use full sentences for longer responses. You have 45 minutes to complete this paper.

Queen Victoria reigned from 1837 to 1901. During this time, Britain transformed from a farming nation into an industrial powerhouse. Towns grew rapidly as people moved from the countryside to work in factories. While inventions like the steam engine changed travel and industry forever, life remained very difficult for the poorest families, many of whom lived in crowded, unhealthy housing.

Word bank: Industrial Revolution · Workhouse · Victorian · Empire · Ragged School · Urbanisation · Steam engine · Social reform

1. Name the monarch who reigned during this period and state the year her reign began. (2 marks)

2. Explain one way in which the Industrial Revolution changed where people lived in Britain. (2 marks)

3. Max the monkey is looking at a Victorian steam engine. Why was this invention so important for Victorian trade? (2 marks)

4. Ellie the elephant is studying history. Describe two conditions that poor Victorian children might have faced in the workplace or at home. (4 marks)

5. Explain what a 'Ragged School' was and why these were necessary in Victorian cities. (4 marks)

6. Compare the daily life of a wealthy Victorian child to a child from a poor family. Consider education, housing, and chores. (5 marks)

7. If you had £1 to spend in a Victorian market, would you have been able to buy a feast? Explain your answer regarding the cost of living at that time. (6 marks)

Draw: Draw a sketch of a Victorian street scene, including one piece of new technology from the time, such as a gas lamp or a steam train.



Extension challenge: Total: /25. Challenge: Research one Victorian invention that we still use in a different form today and write a short paragraph explaining its evolution.