

Life in the Victorian Era: A Historical Report

Learning objective: To structure a formal historical report about Victorian life, identifying key changes in society and industry.

Use this scaffold to organise your report. Remember to use formal language and ensure your historical facts are accurate. Use the word bank to help your writing flow.

The Victorian era, spanning from 1837 to 1901, was a time of immense transformation that changed the face of Britain forever.

Word bank: furthermore · consequently · in addition to this · during this era · despite the progress · industrial revolution · significant · urbanisation · social reform

1. Introduction: Describe the Victorian period using the start date and the name of the monarch. Start with: The Victorian age began in 1837 when Queen Victoria took to the throne, and it was a time when... (2 marks)

2. The Industrial Revolution: Explain how factories and machines changed daily life. Start with: During this period, the Industrial Revolution caused massive changes because... (3 marks)

3. Victorian Childhood: Contrast the lives of wealthy children with those from poorer families. Start with: Life for children in the Victorian era varied greatly depending on their social class; for example... (3 marks)

4. Transport and Travel: Discuss the impact of the railways. Start with: One of the most significant inventions of the time was the steam engine, which allowed... (2 marks)

5. Conclusion: Summarise the legacy of the Victorians today. Start with: In conclusion, the Victorian era remains an important part of history because... (2 marks)

Extension challenge: Ellie the elephant is curious about Victorian inventions! Choose one invention from the era (such as the telegraph, the sewing machine, or the penny black stamp) and research its impact. Write a short paragraph explaining how this invention changed people's lives for the better.