

A Journey into the Victorian Era with Ellie the Elephant

Step into the past: Discover the inventions and lives of the Victorians!

- Queen Victoria reigned for over 63 years, overseeing a period of immense change known as the Industrial Revolution, where Britain transformed from a farming society into a global manufacturing powerhouse.
- The expansion of the railway network allowed steam trains to travel across the country, making it faster and cheaper to transport goods and people than ever before.
- Life for children varied significantly; while wealthy children were often tutored at home, many poorer children were sent to work in factories, coal mines, or as chimney sweeps.
- Victorian cities grew rapidly, leading to major improvements in public health, such as the construction of complex sewer systems to prevent the spread of diseases like cholera.
- The Victorian era introduced new ways to spend money and leisure time, such as visiting seaside resorts by train or exploring public museums and grand exhibitions.

Did you know? Did you know? During the Victorian era, the invention of the penny post meant that for the first time, ordinary people could send a letter anywhere in the country for just one penny! This sparked a massive increase in letter writing across the nation.

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