

Victorian Life: A Journey Through Time with Ellie the Elephant

Step back in time to the age of steam, inventions, and change!

- The Victorian era began in 1837 when Queen Victoria took the throne, marking a time of rapid growth in factories, railways, and coal mining across Britain.
- Many children from poor families did not go to school; instead, they often worked in dangerous coal mines, textile mills, or as chimney sweeps to help their families earn money.
- The Industrial Revolution meant that goods that were once made by hand at home were now mass-produced in large factories using steam power.
- Life in cities became very crowded as people moved from the countryside to find work, leading to the building of new homes and the expansion of the railway network.
- By the end of the Victorian era, new laws were introduced to improve public health and ensure that children had access to at least a basic education.

Did you know? Did you know? During the Victorian era, the invention of the 'Penny Black' in 1840 changed everything! It was the world's first adhesive postage stamp, allowing people to send letters across the country for just one penny, making communication much cheaper and faster.

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