

Ellie's Victorian Era Discovery Cards

Learning objective: To recall and understand key facts about life, inventions, and society during the Victorian period in Britain.

Read the front of each card, test your knowledge, and then reveal the answer to see how much you have learned about the Victorian era!

Who was the monarch of Britain for most of the 19th century?	What was the name of the period of great change where factories replaced hand tools?
Queen Victoria	The Industrial Revolution
What form of transport revolutionised travel and trade across Britain during the 1840s?	What were the 'Workhouses' created for in Victorian times?
The railways (steam trains)	To provide housing and employment for people who were extremely poor and had nowhere else to live.
True or False: Every Victorian child was able to go to school throughout the entire era.	What did the Victorians call the vast collection of countries ruled by Britain across the globe?
False. It was only later in the period that laws were passed to make primary education compulsory for all children.	The British Empire
What was a common job for poor Victorian children who were small enough to fit inside chimneys?	What material was used to build many of the new factories and bridges during this time?
A chimney sweep	Iron and steel
What did Dr Barnardo famously set up to help children who were living on the streets?	Why did many people move from the countryside to cities like London, Manchester, and Birmingham?
Children's homes (orphanages)	To find work in the new factories and industries.
What invention by Alexander Graham Bell changed how people communicated in the late Victorian era?	What was the name of the famous 1851 exhibition held in London to show off world inventions?
The telephone	The Great Exhibition