

Victorian Britain: An Era of Invention and Change

Step into the past with Ellie the Elephant to discover how the Victorians shaped our modern world!

- Queen Victoria reigned for over 63 years, overseeing a period of rapid industrial growth that transformed Britain from a rural society into an urban powerhouse.
- The expansion of the railway network allowed goods and people to travel faster than ever before, connecting towns and cities across the United Kingdom.
- Many children from poor families had to work in dangerous factories or coal mines to help their families survive, earning very little money.
- Victorian social reformers, such as Lord Shaftesbury, campaigned tirelessly for new laws to improve working conditions and provide education for children.
- The Victorian era saw the construction of iconic structures like the Houses of Parliament and the development of the telegraph, the ancestor of the modern internet.

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

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