

Ellie's Victorian Exploration Quiz

Learning objective: To assess knowledge of the Victorian era, focusing on social changes, industrial inventions, and daily life in 19th-century Britain.

Join Ellie the elephant on a journey back to the Victorian age! Read each question carefully. Some require a tick, some a true or false, and others a short explanation. Good luck, young historians!

Answer Key: 1. C (Queen Victoria) 2. True 3. False (The 1880 Act made it compulsory) 4. Steam engine 5. B (They were used to clean soot from narrow flues) 6. True 7. A (Rapid growth of factories and cities) 8. False (They were often very difficult places) 9. 1837 10. True.

Word bank: Industrial Revolution · Workhouse · Queen Victoria · Steam engine · Chimney sweep · Railways · Education Act

1. 1. Which monarch gave the Victorian era its name? A) Queen Elizabeth I, B) Queen Anne, C) Queen Victoria*, D) Queen Mary. (1 mark)

2. 2. True or False: The Victorian era saw the rapid expansion of the railway network across Britain. (1 mark)

3. 3. True or False: All Victorian children went to school from the age of five throughout the entire century. (1 mark)

4. 4. What major invention powered the factories and trains of the Industrial Revolution? (One word answer) (1 mark)

5. 5. Why were young children often employed as chimney sweeps? A) They were very tall, B) They were small enough to fit inside narrow chimneys*, C) They were very strong, D) They were the only ones who could climb ladders. (1 mark)

6. 6. True or False: During the Victorian era, many people moved from the countryside into growing industrial towns and cities. (1 mark)

7. 7. What was the 'Industrial Revolution'? A) A period of rapid change in how goods were made using machines*, B) A war fought in the countryside, C) A change in the types of clothes people wore, D) A revolution in farming techniques only. (1 mark)

8. 8. True or False: Workhouses were pleasant places where poor families lived in luxury. (1 mark)

9. 9. In what year did Queen Victoria begin her reign? (Number) (1 mark)

10. 10. True or False: Victorian houses often used coal fires for heating and cooking. (1 mark)

Draw: Draw a scene from a Victorian high street. Include at least three elements from the era, such as a gas lamp, a steam train in the distance, or a child wearing a flat cap or bonnet.



Extension challenge: Greater Depth Challenges: 1. Explain why the invention of the railway changed the way people lived and traded. 2. Compare and contrast a Victorian schoolroom with your own classroom today. 3. Justify your answer: Was the Victorian era a 'golden age' of progress, or a difficult time for the working class? Provide two reasons for your view. 4. What might have happened to British society if the 1880 Education Act had never been passed? 5. Research a Victorian invention (not mentioned above) and explain how it improved daily life. 6. How did the growth of factories impact the natural environment during this period?