

# Victorian Britain: A Word Mat for Historians

Learning objective: To develop a sophisticated vocabulary for analysing the social, industrial, and daily life changes during the Victorian era.

## Key Vocabulary

Explore the vocabulary below, grouped by key historical themes. Use these terms to enhance your historical writing and analysis.

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| <b>Industrialisation</b> The rapid shift from manua...   | <b>Urbanisation</b> The movement of large popula...     | <b>Workhouse</b> A place where people who were...       |
| <b>Empire</b> A group of nations or territories ruled... | <b>Social Reform</b> Changes made to laws or soc...     | <b>Textile</b> Cloth or woven fabric; the production... |
| <b>Steam Engine</b> A machine that uses expandi...       | <b>Victorian</b> Relating to the period of Queen Vic... | <b>Child Labour</b> The employment of children in ...   |
| <b>Public Health</b> The protection and improvem...      | <b>Philanthropist</b> A person who seeks to prom...     | <b>Class System</b> A hierarchy dividing society in...  |
| <b>Innovation</b> The act of introducing new ideas,...   | <b>Apprentice</b> A person who works for a skilled...   | <b>Legacy</b> Something handed down from the p...       |
| <b>Explain why the p...</b>                              | <b>Compare and con...</b>                               | <b>Justify your ans...</b> Was the invention of the...  |
| <b>What might happ...</b>                                | <b>How did the expa...</b>                              | <b>Critically evaluate</b> In what ways does our m...   |