Victorian Life: A Journey Through Time with Ellie

Step back in time with Ellie the Elephant to uncover the wonders and challenges of the Victorian age!

- **Queen Victoria reigned for 63 years, overseeing a massive expansion of the British Empire and huge changes in how people lived.**
- **The Industrial Revolution transformed Britain from a rural farming society into an urban nation of factories, railways, and coal mines.**
- **Many children from poor families had to work in dangerous conditions, such as climbing inside chimneys or working long hours in textile mills.**
- **The Victorian era saw the building of the London Underground and a vast network of railways that helped people travel across the country faster than ever before.**
- **Social reformers like Lord Shaftesbury campaigned to improve living conditions and pass laws to protect children from overwork.**
- **The invention of the steam engine powered the machinery that made mass production possible, changing the economy forever.**

Did you know? Did you know? During the Victorian era, the invention of the Penny Black in 1840 made sending letters affordable for everyone, not just the wealthy! Before this, the person receiving the letter had to pay the postage costs, which were often very expensive.

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