Ellie’s Victorian Exploration Quiz

Learning objective: To assess knowledge and understanding of Victorian life, inventions, and social changes.

Join Ellie the elephant on a trip back in time! Answer the following 10 questions about the Victorian era to test your historical knowledge. You have 10 marks to earn in total.

Answer Key: 1. C (1837-1901), 2. True, 3. True, 4. B (Coal), 5. False (It was the 1880s), 6. Steam Engine, 7. A (Children were often used for dangerous tasks), 8. False (They were very harsh), 9. True, 10. The Industrial Revolution.

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

1. 1. Queen Victoria reigned during which years? A) 1750-1820 B) 1800-1850 C) 1837-1901* D) 1900-1950 (1 mark)

2. 2. True or False: The Victorian era saw a massive growth in the number of railways across Britain. (1 mark)

3. 3. True or False: During the early Victorian period, many children were forced to work in factories or mines. (1 mark)

4. 4. What was the main source of fuel used to power Victorian factories? A) Electricity B) Coal* C) Wind D) Solar (1 mark)

5. 5. True or False: All children were guaranteed free schooling from the very start of Queen Victoria’s reign in 1837. (1 mark)

6. 6. Fill in the blank: The invention of the _____ helped transport goods and people much faster than horses. (1 mark)

7. 7. Why were young children often employed as chimney sweeps? A) They were small enough to fit inside narrow chimneys* B) They were better at cleaning C) They were faster runners D) They enjoyed the work (1 mark)

8. 8. True or False: Life in a Victorian workhouse was considered luxurious and comfortable for the poor. (1 mark)

9. 9. True or False: The Great Exhibition of 1851 was held in the Crystal Palace to showcase inventions from around the world. (1 mark)

10. 10. What is the name of the period of rapid industrial growth that changed Britain from a farming society to a manufacturing one? (1 mark)

Draw: Draw a scene from a Victorian street. Include a steam train in the background, a gas lamp on the pavement, and a child wearing a flat cap.

Extension challenge: Imagine you are a reporter in 1880. Write a short paragraph (50-70 words) about how the invention of the railway has changed the way your local town does business and travels.