

Key Vocabulary

The Cane - a slender stick used for punishment by striking the hands or bottom.

Slates- a small sheet of slate in a wooden frame that was used in Schools in the past for writing on for chalk.

Dunce hat- a cone hat with the letter D on that was given to children to wear to single out unruly behaviour.

Orphan - a child whose parents are dead, unknown, or have permanently abandoned him or her.

Workhouse- was a place where those unable to support themselves were offered accommodation and employment.

Factory - a building or group of buildings where products are made.



Workhouse



Dunce hat

Important Facts

- The **Victorian age** in British history is named after Queen Victoria, who was Britain's queen from 1837 until 1901.
- **Queen Victoria's** reign spanned 63 years.
- People who lived in the Victorian Era were called **Victorians**.
- Poorer children had to work in the **workhouses** and did not go to school.
- Children had to work long hours, ate poor food and lived in filthy conditions.
- Lessons were focused on the 3 R's: reading, writing and arithmetic.
- Teachers were strict and scary. They used the **cane** and **dunce hat** for punishment.
- Children were made to write with their right hand.
- School day was 9am-5pm.
- Children wrote on **slates** instead of paper.
- Poor children had to make their own toys. Such as: clothes peg dolls or a lump of wood as a toy boat.
- Rich children had toys such as: wooden rocking horses, train sets, dolls houses, tea sets and jigsaw puzzles.
- **Victorians** made up many rules for the games we play today. Such as: badminton and football.
- **Dr Barnado's** opened first home for boys. He wanted to help destitute children.



Key People and Places



Dr Barnardo



Queen Victoria

Useful Websites.

<http://www.primaryhomeworkhelp.co.uk/victorians/victoria.htm>

Key Dates

1837 Queen Victoria crowned.

1840 Queen marries her cousin Prince Albert.

1847 illegal for children to work for more than 63 hours.

1867 Dr Barnardo's opened his first home for children.

1891 Education made compulsory and free to all.

1901 Queen Victoria dies. The Victorian Era ends.

Time line

Romans - AD43	Saxons - 450	Vikings - 793	Normans - 1066	Tudors - 1485	Victorians 1837
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Quiz

1. When did Queen Victoria become queen?
A) 1837 B) 1847 C) 1857
2. How long was her reign?
A) 53 years B) 63 years C) 73 years
3. What did the children learn to write on?
A) Desk B) Paper C) Slate
4. What would the teacher hit a child with if they misbehaved?
A) Slipper B) Cane C) Ruler
5. Which of these were NOT a Victorian toy?
A) Train set B) Doll's house C) Play station
6. What was Barnardo's goal?
A) Care for children and young people who needed help B) Treat children who had cholera C) Treat sick animals
7. What did the children learn at school?
A) Reading writing, arithmetic B) Reading and writing c) Writing and arithmetic
8. What is a Dunce's Cap?
A) Teacher's hat. B) Lid of an inkwell. C) A hat that children had to wear as punishment.
- 9) Which of these places did Victorian children work?
A) In factories and on farms B) Down mines and up chimneys c) On the streets selling things. D) All of these
- 10) Which of these things might you find in a Victorian schoolroom?
A) Computers and felt-tip pens B) An abacus for maths and a slate for writing c) Children sitting at tables facing each other

