

History
Children at work
Book: How life changed in Victorian times
Pages 8-17

Students: Fill in the answers and return for assessment

Everything here is based on our Curriculum Visions book How life changed in Victorian times.

In this segment, we are going to learn about what life was like for poor Victorian children who worked, and how conditions for these children gradually improved.

You will need to go to pages 8-9 of the book.

Part 1

Why did factories employ children?
What kind of jobs did they do? Give two examples.

Answer ...

You will need to go to pages 10-11 of the book.

Part 2

What would happen if a Victorian child refused to work?
Do you think children were better off in a factory, a workhouse or the countryside?
Explain your answer.

Answer ...

Now turn to pages 12-15 of the book.

Part 3

What did Robert Owen think would happen if children in factories were treated better?
Who are two other people who helped to highlight the life of children in factories, or to improve the lot of poor children?

Answer ...

Part 4

Fill in the chart with the effects of the following acts, the first one has been filled in for you:

Act	Who did the Act apply to?	What was in the Act?
1833 Act of Parliament	People under the age of 18 working in mills and factories.	No person under the age of 18 could be employed in a mill or factory for more than 12 hours a day or 69 hours a week; 1.5 hour meal break each day
1842 Mines Act		
1844 Factory Act		
1970 Education Act		

Now turn to pages 16-17 of the book.

Part 5

Children became healthier during Victorian times. What are three reasons why this happened?

What is one way in which the ideas about the spread of disease changed during Victorian times?

Answer ...

That is the end of this worksheet, and you can now turn to another one. Also, find out if your teacher has left you any other worksheets or special instructions on your school website.

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can hear what Victorians were actually saying. Just use our safe search and search 'Eavesdrop'.

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