History

Who were the Victorians?

Book: How life changed in Victorian times

Pages 4-7

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 be introduced to the Victorians and some events of early Victorian times.

You will need to go to pages 4-5 of the book.

Part 1

Why was this period named the Victorian times - who was it named after? When did the Victorian times start and end? Why did it start and end on these years?

Answer ...

It was named after Queen Victoria.

The Victorian era was from 1837 to 1901 - from the start of Queen Victoria's reign until her death.

Part 2

What are three important inventions that came about during the Victorian era? What are two ways that life improved at this time?

Answer ...

Answers could include any three of: metal ships, telegraph, cheap steel, camera, cinema, electric lamps and motors, cars, railway train.

Answers could include any two of: there were a lot of new inventions, laws to improve working and living conditions for the poor, people lived longer, schooling for all

Now turn to pages 6-7 of the book.

Part 3

In your own words, describe what a British city might have been like at the start of Victorian times?

Answer ... Students' own answers.

Part 4

Do you think you would have liked to live in Victorian times? Why or why not?

Answer ... Students' own answers.

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.

If you are interested in this topic, continue to browse the book and watch our amazing videos. They start right on the book cover. Or you may want to go and hear the Victorians in action by visiting our 'fly on the wall' Eavesdrop section. You can hear what Victorians were actually saying. Just use our safe search and search 'Eavesdrop'.

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