KS1 & KS2 Lesson plan

Topic: Life in the Castle during Victorian Times

Aim: To learn about what everyday life would’ve been like for British people during the Victorian Era

Room: Watermouth Castle Museum

Duration: 60 mins

Curriculum links: History KS1/KS2

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| **Timings**  | **Objectives / learning outcomes***To be able to:* | **Resources** | **Teacher activities** | **Learner activities** | **Assessment**  |
| 10 mins | Define ‘the Victorian Era’, and begin to think about life may have been different | Victorian Era PhotographsDaily Life Dioramas | Introduce basic castle history Define ‘the Victorian Era’Lead group Q&A, asking children how they think life was different thenPotential points:-Technology-Children working jobs | Engage in Q&A, coming up with ideas on how their lives are different to Victorian people’s | Q & A |
| 20 minutes  | Observe a Victorian-era object(s). Think about their modern counterpart(s) | Object(s) from museum | Introduce and demonstrate object(s). Ask children to guess their purpose. Discuss modern counterpart(s) | Observations on object(s), guesses about purposeDemonstration / tactile experience with object(s) (if possible)Discuss modern counterpart(s) | Verbal observations |
| 15 minutes | Split into groups to complete a worksheet on Victorian life | Victorian Life worksheet | Hand out worksheetObserve and help if needed | Split into groups to complete worksheet | Worksheet |
| 10 minutes | Run through worksheet and use questions to start discussions | Victorian life worksheetVictorian photographs | Mark worksheet as a groupLead group discussion on Victorian inventions – Camera, Lightbulb and Telephone – how they changed everyday life, and their modern counterparts | Call out answersMark worksheet as a groupEngage in discussions with teacher | Marked WorksheetVerbal discussion |
| 5 minutes | Summarise learning Takeaway | N/A | Discussion on what we’ve learned about Victorian lifeTakeaway – ask kids to go home tonight and look for things in their house that wouldn’t have been around during the Victorian times | Discuss learnings with teacherTakeaway | Self-assessment & takeaway |