

VICTORIAN LIFE WORKSHEET



Queen Victoria



Children during the
Victorian era

DEFINITIONS

THE VICTORIAN ERA - Named after Queen Victoria. Lasted from 1837 – 1901. A time with lots of new inventions, but when lots of regular British people also lived in poverty.

QUEEN VICTORIA - Former Queen of Britain. She ruled for 63 years; at the time, that was the longest anyone had ever ruled as king or queen.

BRITISH EMPIRE - A collection of countries and territories ruled by the United Kingdom. In the Victorian Era, it included over 60 countries.

POVERTY - The state of being extremely poor or in need.

CASTLE - A large strong building, usually made of stone, built in the past by a ruler or important person.

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FUN FACTS

- The first **cameras were invented** in the Victorian era. If you take a look around the castle, you may be able to find some photographs from this time...
- The Victorian era was the first time in history it was decided that **all children must attend school**.
- Although it's illegal now, **children often worked jobs** to support their families during this time. Some jobs included working in factories, sweeping chimneys, and shining shoes.
- The **first steam-powered fairground ride** was invented during the Victorian era. In the outdoor section of Watermouth Castle, you'll find a genuine steam-powered carousel!
- **The Great Exhibition** took place in London during this time. It gathered together lots of new inventions from all over the world, and the public could come and see them being demonstrated.



Woman with
Victorian-era camera



Child chimneysweep



Steam-powered
carousel at
Watermouth
Castle

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ACTIVITY ONE

Below is a drawing of a wealthy Victorian household. Write the correct label for each person.



Lord Lady Child Butler Cook Nanny Maid Gardener

ACTIVITY TWO

Victorian households had many servants. At one time, Watermouth Castle had up to 40! Draw a line to **match the task** to the right servant.

Butler

Make dinner

Cook

Mop the floors

Nanny

Trim the hedges

Maid

Feed the baby

Gardener

Greet visitors

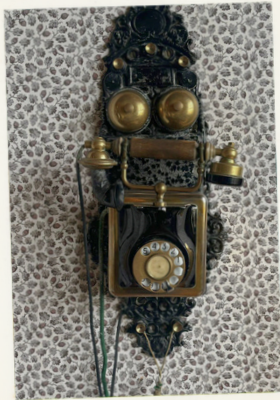
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ACTIVITY THREE

Here are some items used by the servants at Watermouth Castle. Take a look at them, and write in the labels **what you think they might have been used for.**



Label for the gramophone with three horizontal lines for writing.



Label for the rotary telephone with three horizontal lines for writing.



Label for the hanging lantern with three horizontal lines for writing.

ACTIVITY FOUR

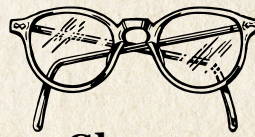
During this time in history, lots of new things were invented. **Three of the below** were invented during Victorian times – can you circle which ones?



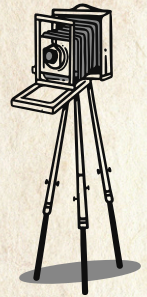
Video tape



Telephone



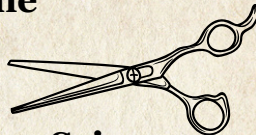
Glasses



Camera



Light bulb



Scissors



Internet

ACTIVITY FIVE

Victorian children's daily lessons would have included handwriting practice. Can you **copy this line** of handwriting?

*The quick brown fox jumped
over the lazy dog*
