

St Saviour's Catholic Primary and Nursery School



Subject: History

Topic: Children in Victorian Britain

Year: 6

What should I already know?

- Queen Victoria ruled Britain.
- In the past, poor children had to work.
- Familiar with the story of Oliver Twist and workhouses.

What am I going to learn?

- The Victorian era was between 1837 and 1901 when Queen Victoria reigned.
- There was a contrast between how rich and poor Victorians lived.
- What life was like for poor children in Victorian Britain.
- Some changes that took place for poor children in the 19th century.
- Lord Shaftsbury and Dr. Barnardo campaigned for better working conditions for children.
- What schooling in Victorian Britain was like in comparison to today.
- How Victorian children spent their leisure time.
- Daily life for a child in the Victorian times.
- In 1842, children under 10 could no longer work in underground mines.
- In 1844, children aged 8-13 could no longer work for more than 6.5 hours per day.
- In 1864, children could no longer work as chimney sweeps.
- In 1870, schools were built for children and The Education Act makes schooling compulsory in 1880 for 5-10 year olds.

Vocabulary

Law: A rule made by a government.

Industry: A group of companies that all produce the same thing.

Industrial revolution: Changes caused by the production of factories.

Campaign: A series of planned actions carried out in order to reach a particular goal.

Labour: To work.

Leisure: Freedom from work or other duties that take time and effort.

Century: 100 years.

Cane: a slender stick which was used as a form of punishment.

Workhouse: A large building where poor people would work in order to live there.



Useful Websites

<https://www.primaryhomeworkhelp.co.uk/victorians/children/>

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/teach/class-clips-video/articles/ztb2m39>