
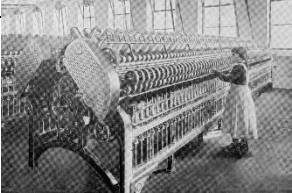


# Knowledge Organiser- Year 2– Spring 1/The Victorians – Would you have enjoyed living under Queen Victoria's reign?



Key Concepts and Facts		
1	<b>Queen Victoria was a significant queen.</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Victoria was Queen for 63 years. She reigned longer than any king or queen before her.</li> <li>When Victoria became queen, children had to go out to work. By the time she died, children went to school.</li> <li>She made Britain one of the most powerful countries in the world.</li> <li>She instructed the many buildings of factories and machines and new towns grew up.</li> <li>Railways, originally built to transport goods, meant people could travel around the country for the first time.</li> </ul>
2	<b>Victorian school life was very different to now</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>At the beginning of the Victorian era not every child could afford to go to school. In 1880 <b>all</b> children had to attend until they were 10 years old, and it became free.</li> <li>Children would sit in rows, in silence, and watch the teacher write on the blackboard. They'd copy down what the teacher had written.</li> <li>Boys and girls were separated for some subjects: girls would study needlework while boys studied woodwork.</li> <li>Children used a slate to write on, which could be wiped clean. They might also use a quill pen (like a feather), which was dipped in ink from an ink well on the desk.</li> <li>Classrooms did not have much equipment: there might be a map of the world or an abacus (an instrument with beads to help children learn to count). That's all!</li> <li>The most common form of punishment was the cane. This was a long, thin stick used to strike children on the hand for any number of reasons; for example, if they'd told lies, been rude or arrived late to school.</li> <li>If a child couldn't answer a question or didn't understand the subject of the lesson, they had to wear the dunce's hat ('dunce' means 'stupid')</li> </ul>
		
3	<b>Armley Mills was very important to Leeds in the Victorian era</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Armley Mills was once the largest woollen mill in the world, shipping its goods to North and South America, Europe and the Far East</li> <li>It gave lots of people work and helped the city grow.</li> </ul>
		
4	<b>Children had to work in the Victorian era</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Children did various kinds of jobs and many were unsafe, poorly paid and damaging to their health. They included: chimney sweeps, domestic servants, mill workers, factory workers and working in coal mines.</li> <li>Most children had no choice but to work – they needed to work to help their families earn enough money to live.</li> </ul>

Key Vocabulary		
1	<b>Reign</b>	rule by a king or queen.
2	<b>Sequence</b>	a pattern or process in which one thing follows another

Key People		
1	<b>Queen Victoria</b>	She was born in 1819 at Kensington Palace, London. She was the Queen of Great Britain and Ireland from 1837-1901. She began her reign at just 18 years old.
2	<b>Benjamin Gott</b>	Benjamin Gott was born in 1762 in Calverley. He was engineer and owned Armley Mills. He was Mayor of Leeds for a short time.

