

# History - The Victorians

## Key Vocabulary

Class	The group in which people belonged to in society (these were the upper, middle and lower classes).
Industrial revolution	An era of great inventions made due to the mining of coal and iron.
Workhouse	A place where poor people had to go to do hard labour, when they had no job to keep themselves.
Orphanage	A place set up by Dr. Barnardo, where children went to live when they had no parents to look after them.
Mill	A place where flour was ground or cotton was spun to make food and clothing.

## School days!!

- Boys and girls were taught separately at school.
- There could be up to 60 children in one class!!!
- Children were given the cane for being naughty.
- There were no school dinners in those days. Children went home or went hungry until tea time.

Victoria was Queen of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland (1837-1901) and empress of India (1876-1901). Her reign was the longest of any monarch in British history (until Queen Elizabeth II) and came to be known as the Victorian era.



### Did you know?

Queen Victoria was 5 foot (1.52 m) tall

The Victorians invented the first postage stamps. Can you find out the name of the first stamps?



The first photographs were taken in the 1830s. Within a few years, most towns had a photographic studio where families went dressed in their best clothes to have their picture taken. They had to stand still for a long time, otherwise the picture would be blurred!

### Did you know?

The word photography is derived from the Greek words for light and writing.

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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
- farm hands
- working in coal mines

What was mined from the Wren's Nest that was key to the industrial revolution?



Amazingly!!! The Black Country was at the heart of the industrial Revolution. Why was this?

Isambard Kingdom Brunel (left) was a famous engineer for designing bridges, tunnels and railway stations.

He was born in 1806 and died in 1859.

Can you find any other inventions and inventors from the Victorian era?



This is a picture of Dr. Barnardo. What was he famous for?