

Fascinating facts 1

The Victorian era' describes the time during which Queen Victoria reigned in Britain (1837-1901). Queen Victoria was only 18 years old when she became queen and she ruled Britain for 64 years.

During this time in history, there was a great contrast between how the rich and poor lived.

Fascinating facts 3

A workhouse was a huge building built for very poor people to live and work. They were poor for a number of reasons: ill health, old age, orphaned children or purely because they couldn't find work. The alternative was prison!



Key Vocabulary

Revolution- means a huge change. There can be different types of revolution, such as a political revolution.

Migrating- moving to a different area to find work or better living conditions

Reign- rule by a king or queen

Agriculture- looking after the soil, producing crops and raising livestock

Slums- part of a city or town where many poor people live. It is a place where many people may not have access to basic needs.

Autumn 1 History: The Victorians

What can I remember?

- Can you remember what school was like for Victorian children?
- Can you remember what life was like for Victorian children?
- What technology was created during the Victorian era?

Prompts for Parents

- ✓ Can you work together to create a fact file about Florence Nightingale?
- ✓ Debate time! Being a child during the Victorian era was harder than being an adult.

Fascinating facts 4

Work in the Workhouses

Work was hard in the workhouse. The guardians made sure that inmates earned their keep.

Men had to complete jobs, such as breaking stones, working in the fields, grinding corn with heavy mill stones and chopping wood.

Fascinating facts 5

The rich lived a life of ease and comfort. They had servants to run their large houses. They wore elaborate clothing and ate meals of many courses.

The life of the Victorian poor was extremely challenging. They often didn't have enough money for a decent meal or housing. They lived in constant fear of the workhouse.

Fascinating facts 2

The Industrial Revolution was a period of tremendous change in Britain, which lasted from around 1750 until around 1900. In this period of 150 years, almost every aspect of life in Britain changed.

It was the birth of the modern world and Britain changed from a rural country with small industries to a highly industrialised and wealthy nation.



Transporting people and goods across the country became much faster with the development of canals, roads and railways.

Important Person - Florence Nightingale

- Florence Nightingale went to the Crimean War to nurse wounded soldiers.
- She even nursed soldiers during the night, and became known as 'The Lady with the Lamp'. She and her nurses saved many lives.
- Florence Nightingale is remembered for making changes to nursing and showing people that nursing was a very important job.

