What was it like to live a Victorian Life? Knowledge Organiser Year 6

History

The Victorian Era was the period of Queen Victoria's reign in the United Kingdom. This started in 1837 and lasted until 1901.

It was during the Victorian era that having a Sunday Roast became a tradition!

Life expectancy during the Victorian era rose from 38 years to 48 years!

Britain became an industrial superpower and produced huge amounts of the world's steel, iron, cotton and coal.

Science

Many inventions from the Victorian era are used today such as the camera invented in 1838, the flushing toilet in 1851, the lightbulb in 1870 and the telephone in 1876!

A conductor allows electricity to pass through. Gold, copper, steel and silver are conductors.

silver   gold   copper   steel

An insulator does not allow electricity to pass through. Rubber, glass, oil and wood are all insulators.

rubber   glass   oil   diamond   dry wood

reign	expectancy	Industrial superpower	inventions	innovation	conductor

Geography

The population of Great Britain doubled from 16 million people to 32 million people during the Victorian era.

At the end of Queen Victoria's reign the British Empire covered one fifth of the world's surface.

Many people left the countryside and moved to live in cities to work in factories.

Design Technology

The Victoria Sponge cake was popular during the reign of Queen Victoria but was actually invented in 1420.

Girls dolls were made out of wax or China. Toy soldiers were made out of lead or tin. Wood was used to construct most toys.

Art and Design

William Morris was a British textile designer and artist.

He made stained glass windows, floral wallpaper and tapestries. Painting of landscapes was very popular during the Victorian era.

Queen Victoria is the most painted royal in history!

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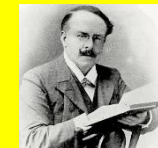In the 1800's child labour was normal and often very dangerous.

Children worked in factories, coal mines and chimney sweeps from the age of 5.

In 1868 Dr Barnado opened "Hope Place" to help the homeless children of London.

Until they were 5 years old both boys and girls wore white frilly dresses!

Facts

It was during the Victorian era that seaside holidays became popular! Many people wore black clothes because of the pollution from coal meant that white clothes quickly became grey!

Victorians made toothpaste out of honey and charcoal.

Population	Construct	Portrait	Child labour	Pollution