



Very Victorian Values

How did life change for Victorian children after 1833?

1. Why were the Victorians called the Victorians?

- These people lived during the reign of Queen Victoria
- Victorian period = nearly 200 years ago (1837–1901)

3. What questions could we ask a Victorian child?

Ask a range of **who, what, where, when** and **how questions** to learn more about the Victorians.

2. What was life like for the children working in factories? How can we find this out?

- poor children went to work as soon as they were old enough to earn money for their families
- research using Google, artefacts, books, museums, witnesses, experts etc.



4. What was the Factory Act (written in 1833)?

- A set of rules for adults to follow to improve the working conditions for children in factories.



The Factory Act of 1833 stopped...

- ♦ children under the age of 9 from working
- ♦ children aged 9–13 years from working more than 9 hours a day
- ♦ Children aged 13–18 from working more than 12 hours a day
- ♦ children from working at night

It made sure that children would be taught 2 hours a day.



5. Why was (and is) the Factory Act significant to children's lives?

- working conditions for children improved
- Article 32 (UNCRC) now protects children from working in harmful conditions



Victorians
(1837–1901)

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Key Vocabulary

significant	something great or very important
time period	a length of time or over a period of time
equality	making sure everyone has equal opportunities (chances) and is treated the same/ equally
peasant	a poor person who works on the land (looked down at)
factory	a building where things are made
impact	the effect something has on another