

Key Facts

- The Victorians were the people who lived during the **reign** of Queen Victoria.
- More and more **factories** and **workhouses** were built for people to work in, so towns and cities grew.
- The railways grew so people could travel faster and further.
- The poor were very poor - they worked in **workhouses** and **factories**.
- Many rich people had servants.
- There was no electricity.
- Not many people could read or write but Queen Victoria made all children go to school.
- Children were made to work in dangerous places such as in coal mines or as chimney sweeps. They worked very long hours for very little money.

Key Vocabulary

Queen Victoria	Became Queen at 18 and reigned from 1837 - 1901 (64 years).
Lord Shaftesbury	Made laws to help protect children from working long hours in poor and dangerous conditions.
Lewis Carroll	Author of Alice in Wonderland.
Charles Dickens	Author of Oliver Twist.
Alexander Graham Bell	Credited with inventing the telephone.
Sir Robert Peel	Created the modern police force.

Key Vocabulary

factory	A building where things are made, often by machines.
mining	Digging coal and other products from deep below the ground.
reign	The time that someone is king or queen.
typewriter	A machine used to type letters onto paper.
workhouses	Places where poor people, including children, would live in exchange for working. The conditions were very bad.

Victorian Inventions



telephone



motorcar



typewriter



bicycle



bank holidays and seaside holidays



moving films

Queen Victoria becomes Queen.

The Houses of Parliament were built.

1837

1840

Queen Victoria married Prince Albert.

Children under 10 no longer allowed to work in coal mines.

1842

1844

Railway tracks were built all over Britain.

Post boxes were built.

1850s

1851

Ice cream was available to the masses.

All children had to go to school.

1880

1901

Queen Victoria died.