



# YEAR 6 - Victorians Knowledge Organiser



## Time period: 1837 – 1901 Monarch: Queen Victoria

During Queen Victoria's 63-year reign, there was a huge contrast between how the rich and poor Victorians lived. Queen Victoria led the expansion of the British empire and saw major changes to all aspects of Britain due to exciting discoveries and inventions.

### School

Start: 9 am End: 5pm

**Lessons:** Drill Exercise, Reading, Writing, Arithmetic, Sewing (Girls), Woodwork (Boys).

#### School rules

Wait for permission to speak  
Use your right hand, not your left  
Stand when an adult enters  
Do not speak unless spoken to  
permission  
Do not talk or fidget

#### Punishments

The Cane, Dunce's hat, Lines

### Inventions

1840– Stamps  
1843– Christmas Cards  
1846– Sewing Machine  
1851– Ice Cream  
1852– Flushing Toilet  
1854– Steel Production  
1872– Penny Farthing Bicycle  
1873– Typewriter  
1876– Telephone  
1877– Phonograph (Record Player)  
1878– Electric Street Lighting

## Key vocabulary

**Arithmetic:** Learning about maths and numbers.

**Industrial Revolution:** A time of major change in industry, technology and science.

**Workhouse:** A large building built for poor families to live and work in.

**Slum:** An area of a big city where poor people live, which is usually overcrowded and dirty.

**Orphan:** A child whose parents have died.

**Factory:** A building where workers use machines to make things for sale.

## Children's jobs

Farm work  
Chambermaid  
Chimney Sweep  
Mudlark  
Powder Monkey  
Working in mines  
Cleaning factory machines

