



GILES BROOK SCHOOL

- The Victorian era began in 1837 and ended in 1901.
- The British Empire grew during this period.
- Rich Victorians lived in large, beautiful houses with many rooms.
- Poor Victorians might live in just one room, often sharing a communal bathroom with other families.
- Workhouses were institutions which intended to provide work and shelter for those who could not support themselves.
- Victorian children from poor families often worked in jobs such as chimney sweep, domestic servant or factory worker.
- Many poor people (including children) turned to crime in order to support their family.
- Thomas Barnardo was an Irish philanthropist who opened homes for children after he discovered many were sleeping rough in London.

Key People



Queen Victoria



Thomas Barnardo

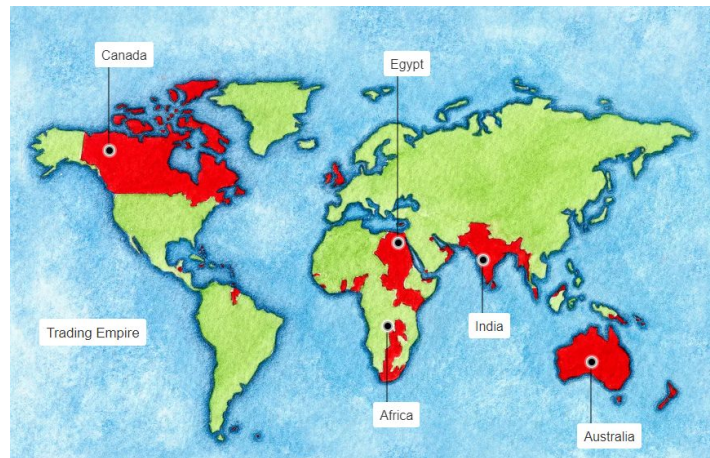
Knowledge Organiser

HISTORY: VICTORIANS

I already know:

- what life was like inside a Victorian home.
- which toys Victorian children would have played with.
- about Victorian modes of transport.
- that different versions of the past may exist.
- how to use historical data to answer questions about the past.

A map of the British Empire in the Victorian Era



Useful web links

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/teach/class-clips-video/ks2-the-victorians/z48bnrd>

<https://www.natgeokids.com/uk/discover/history/general-history/victorian-facts/>

<http://www.primaryhomeworkhelp.co.uk/victorians.html>

Key Vocabulary

monarch	a person who is the head of a government such as a king, queen, emperor or empress.
British Empire	A term used to describe all of the places around the world which were once ruled by Britain.
working class	People who worked in jobs which were not academic or well paid.
middle class	People who worked in well paid and academic jobs who were not aristocracy.
upper class	People who were usually landowners and hired others to work for them. This included royalty, lords and business owners.
workhouse	Huge building for very poor people to live and work in.
poverty	When people do not have sufficient money or possessions to have a satisfactory standard of living.
pauper	a very poor person.
ragged school	a free school for poor children