

Key words

arithmetic	Maths
cane	A long, wooden stick that teachers used to hit naughty pupils.
dunce cap	A hat that teachers would make pupils wear who they thought were being silly.
empire	Lots of countries that Queen Victoria was in charge of.
factory	A building where things are made. Some children had to work there.
gruel	A disgusting, thick mixture of oats and water that poor children were forced to eat.
poor	People with no money
rich	People with lots of money
Victorian	A person who was alive when Queen Victoria was in charge.
workhouse	A place poor people had to live.



THE VICTORIANS

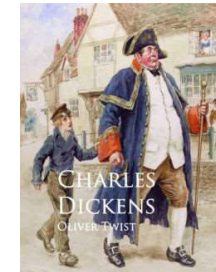
Some facts about life for children in Victorian times:

- For a long time, girls weren't allowed to go to school.
- When they were finally allowed, they had separate lessons to boys.
- Teachers could hit any children who were being naughty with a cane!
- Poor children didn't really get to go to school. Instead, they had to work.
- Girls would become maids or nannies to rich families' babies.
- Boys could become chimney sweeps, miners or work in factories.
- If families were really poor, they would live in a workhouse.
- They had disgusting food called gruel and were often dirty.
- Rich families would have expensive, fancy toys.
- Poor families had to make toys out of whatever they could find around the house.



Enquiry Question:

What was life like for children in Victorian times?



The book called
Oliver Twist



Florence
Nightingale

Important people

Queen Victoria	Queen of Great Britain and the Empire.
Prince Albert	Queen Victoria's husband.
Florence Nightingale	A very famous Victorian nurse. Her nickname was 'The Lady with the Lamp'.
Vincent Van Gogh	A very famous artist who lived during the Victorian period.
Oliver Twist	A book about a poor Victorian boy who grows up in a workhouse.