

History – The Victorians – Y5/6 – Summer 1

What Jobs did Victorian Children Do?

Children did various kinds of jobs and many were unsafe, poorly paid and damaging to their health.

They included:

- Chimney sweeps
- Domestic servants
- Mill workers
- Factory workers
- Farm hands
- Working in coal mines

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The **Victorian Era** was between 1837 and 1901, when Queen Victoria reigned over Britain.

During her 63 years on the throne 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 invention, such as:

The First Public Flushing Toilet – 1852

The Penny Farthing Bicycle – 1872

The Invention of X-rays - 1895

The Industrial Revolution

This change happened in Britain between 1750 and 1900.

Before the **Industrial Revolution**, Britain was a rural country, most people lived off the land with livestock.

Using coal and steam to power factories, increased the amount of produce that could be made.

Huge factories were built, and towns grew. People came to the town to work, so more houses were built.

Better transport links helped boost trade by transporting people and goods quickly and cheaply across the country.