



LIVING IN THE PAST

VICTORIAN CHILDREN AT WORK

Lesson Planner.

Content:

A short film: This 7 minute introduces you to the experiences of children working during the Victorian era. You will be introduced to two character's Charlie and Florence. You can watch the film in full or individually and watch separately.

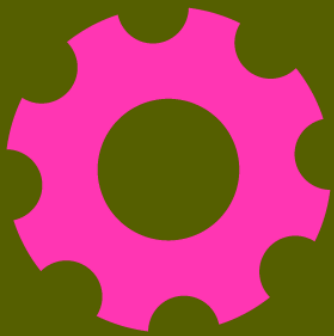
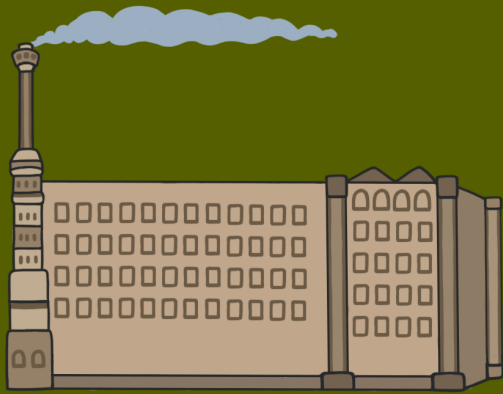
Overview text: Discussing aspects of working life for a Victorian child.

Q&A linked to film: Can also be used as additional discussion points.

Lesson plans: Each plan is linked to the National Curriculum and the short film. Included: discussion points and prompts with questions.

- Write a 'day in a life' diary entry as if you are a child working in a Victorian coal mine. Or maybe in a cotton mill. Describe how long your working day was? What is your job? What about working conditions? Was it dark, cold? Were there any dangers? Try and give as much detail as possible. Can you plan what you are going to write about and then evaluate after.
- Write a letter to a family member or friend and tell them what your day at work has been like? Try and use as much detail as possible.





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- Create a small piece of drama or role play linked to working during Victorian times, perhaps you could work in small groups and all take on a different role, describing your working conditions. Describe how long your working day was? What is your job? Were there any dangers where you work? Try and give as much detail as possible. You will need to plan what you are going to act out, you should produce a basic script, if you want you can use Florence's script for inspiration.
- Make a list or complete a table showing the differences between life as a child today and the life of a child working during Victorian times. Try and use as much detail as possible.
- Additional: Charlie and Florence scripts

Craft based activities: Linked to the Victorians

Museum objects: Photographs and accompanying description of Portland Basin Museum objects linked to Victorian children at work.

Local history Images: Linked images from Tameside Local Studies and Archive Centre's Archive.



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