



# LIVING IN THE PAST

## VICTORIAN CHILDREN AT WORK



**Make a Spinner toy. Here's a great little activity to introduce you to how Victorian's discovered the moving image.**

**You will need:** Sheet of A4 card , something circular for a template, a pencil, felt tip pens and string.

What You Do:

- \* Find something in your home that is circular and about 10cm wide, perhaps a cup, glass or jar.
- \* Draw around this onto a piece of card. Once drawn you will need to cut out. You are going to need the assistance of an adult with your next move! Draw two small circles close together, as close to the centre as possible—just like the drawing to the bottom of these instructions.
- \* Next use a sharp pencil – and the assistance of a grown up again to make the two holes for the string to be threaded through. You could put a piece of bluetac under your card circle when making the holes.
- \* Now decorate however you want, swirls, stripes, polka dots and patterns work best!
- \* Thread a length of string (about 80cm) through one hole and back through the other – and then tie the string together making a continuous loop.
- \* Your spinner toy is now ready. You will need to position your card circle roughly in the middle and then holding onto the string, twist the string a few times.
- \* Once twisted you will need to pull your looped string at both ends and then relax, pull and relax, pull and relax and so on and you will find, as if by magic that your card spinner will spin and whirl! Maybe you could look on the internet at other examples of early moving pictures.

