

Victorian Oldham Knowledge Mat

Subject Specific Vocabulary

Industrial Revolution

This marked a period of development in the late 18th century that transformed rural, farming societies in Europe into industrialised, urban ones.

British Empire

The British Empire is a term used to describe all the places around the world that were once ruled by Britain.

blackboard

A blackboard would be seen in almost every classroom. Chalk was used by teachers to write on the blackboard - it was usually white.

pen and nib

In most schools children used pens and ink to write. The pens had a nib at the end which was replaced from time to time.

marbles

Another popular game was marbles. Many children came to school with a pocketful of marbles.

ludo

A popular board game played with a dice. Children would chase each other around the board.

gruel

A thin liquid food of oatmeal or other meal boiled in milk or water.

workhouses

Workhouses were unpleasant places where orphaned children or abandoned children lived. It was also home to the mentally ill or very poor people.



❑ Queen Victoria reigned for 63 years (1819-1901) Her reign was a period of great industrial, cultural and scientific change within the UK and was marked by a great expansion of the British Empire.

❑ The Victorian period was a time of great change and witnessed many inventions, such as; steam trains (Isambard Kingdom Brunel), telephones (Alexander Graham Bell) and electric light bulbs (Thomas Edison).

❑ The most popular games played by children were marbles, hopscotch, blind man's bluff and blow football. There were no televisions or electronic games 100 years ago..

❑ About 100 years ago most children would have been working in a full-time job by the time they were 12 years old.

❑ There were very few books and very few poor children would know how to read.

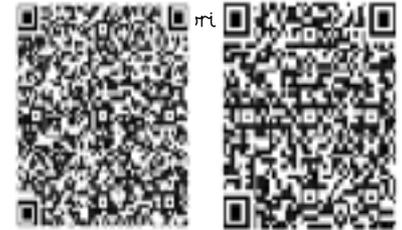
❑ Alexandra Park opened on 28th August 1865. It was built to keep local textile workers employed as many had lost their jobs due to the Lancashire Cotton Famine (1861-1865)

❑ There are several statues in Oldham of significant local

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