

# Changing Times

## The Victorians Worksheet

Find the answer to these questions using the *Changing Times* web information on the Victorians.

### Homes

- Where did the Victorians get their ideas for house design? \_\_\_\_\_
- Who was Highbury built for? \_\_\_\_\_
- What modern features did Highbury have? \_\_\_\_\_

### Events

- When was the Great Exhibition held? \_\_\_\_\_  
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- Who designed the huge glass palace where the exhibition was held?  
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- Which Act of Parliament gave education for all? \_\_\_\_\_
- Name two consequences of everyone being able to read and write? \_\_\_\_\_

## Transport

- What led to the development of railways? \_\_\_\_\_
- Where was the first passenger line opened? \_\_\_\_\_
- What other things were built connected with the railways? \_\_\_\_\_  
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- What was a clipper? \_\_\_\_\_
- What provided the power for it? \_\_\_\_\_
- When was the modern safety bicycle invented? \_\_\_\_\_
- In what way did bicycles affect women? \_\_\_\_\_

## Farming (Agriculture)

- What did farmers grow more of in Victorian times? \_\_\_\_\_
- What improvement was made to threshing? \_\_\_\_\_
- Why were men put out of work? \_\_\_\_\_

## Clothes

- What did ladies wear under their dresses after about 1825? \_\_\_\_\_
- What were the huge skirts in the middle of the century called? \_\_\_\_\_
- What sort of jacket/coat did men wear from the middle of the century?  
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- What did men wear on their heads?  
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## Warfare

- What was the famous charge of the Crimean War called? \_\_\_\_\_
- Why did the Crimean War lead to major reforms in the army? \_\_\_\_\_  
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## Industry

- Why was there great demand for coal? \_\_\_\_\_
- What were steam engines used for in the mines? \_\_\_\_\_

## Inventions

- Who invented the telephone? \_\_\_\_\_
- How did gramophone records make a difference to the music ordinary people enjoyed? \_\_\_\_\_
- Who won the race to put the first moving image on the screen? \_\_\_\_\_
- When did mass produced box cameras become available? \_\_\_\_\_

## Religion

- Were the Victorians keen churchgoers? \_\_\_\_\_
- Who wrote '*The Origin of the Species*'? \_\_\_\_\_
- How did this book challenge people's religious beliefs? \_\_\_\_\_

## The not so rich

- How were poorer houses in Birmingham grouped? \_\_\_\_\_  
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- What did these houses share? \_\_\_\_\_
- Which diseases were common? \_\_\_\_\_

## Animals

- What is the connection between Victorian times and squirrels?

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## Medicine

- What two great discoveries were made in Victorian times? \_\_\_\_\_

- What profession did Florence Nightingale improve?

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## Time

- How did railways make a difference to time keeping? \_\_\_\_\_

## Women

- What idea was being challenged? \_\_\_\_\_

- How did the invention of the typewriter help women? \_\_\_\_\_

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### Further Activities

- Imagine you were born into a rich family in 1820. In 1899, as a 79 year old, you write a letter to a grandchild of the changes you have seen in your lifetime. Use the pictures and information in *Changing Times* to help you.
- The Victorian pictures in *Changing Times* were drawn by an archaeological artist. Several illustrate changes affecting the way people lived and travelled. How well do the pictures show this social change?