

VILE VICTORIANS

Task 1 - English Writing Task

There are lots of famous Victorians from discoverers, engineers, nurses, policemen, writers and cooks.

Research one of your choice.

Write a Biography (their life story in your words).

Present as creatively as you can.

Task 2 - Maths Task

Investigate using area and perimeter the floor plan of a Victorian workhouse. Show the separate areas for men, women and children. Compare the size per person with your room size.

Or

Research a typical daily amount of food served per occupant in a workhouse. Weigh out the amounts given converting into grams. Compare with a meal that you eat.

Task 3 - English Reading Task

Our class read is 'Street Child' by Berlie Doherty which tells a story of life in Victorian times. There are many classic children's fiction that were written in the Victorian Era and modern stories that are set in the Victorian times.

Find one of your choice to read and then write a book review.

Classics include Black Beauty, Alice in Wonderland, Tales of Beatrix Potter etc.

Modern stories include Hetty Feather by Jacqueline Wilson, Gaslight by Eloise Williams.

Task 4 - Topic Make a Decoupage Box

Materials: Old magazines, cards, stamps, wrapping paper etc, Shoebox or other sturdy type box with a lid, PVA glue.

Directions

Decoupage was a popular Victorian pastime. Gather your pictures. Cut them out of old magazines, greeting cards etc. Make sure you have LOTS of them as you are going to cover your whole box. Smaller pictures often work better because you can overlap them easier. Spread newspaper out on your table to work on. Practise arranging your pictures on top of your box sides and the lid to help you decide what looks best. When you have your design in mind you are ready. Fit your pictures as close together as you can as you glue them down. Overlap them where necessary. You don't want any spaces showing through. Put a layer of glue over the top and allow to dry.

Now you have a beautiful box for gift giving or for keeping your treasures in.

Task 5 - Science Task

Paper Helicopter Investigation

Use the sheet supplied to make a paper helicopter and investigate the effects of gravity and air resistance.

A helicopter hovers in the air as its propellers rotate. Time how long it takes for your paper helicopter to fall to the ground. Can you make a new paper helicopter that falls to the ground more slowly? Think about the forces of gravity and air resistance and how you can use them to change the time it takes to fall.

Draw a labelled diagram showing how you made the paper helicopter fall more slowly. Include arrows showing the direction and size of the forces.