

Knowledge Organiser - Schools past and present



Key Vocabulary

Definition

Decade	A period of 10 years
Century	A period of 100 years
Blackboard	A hard smooth dark surface used for writing or drawing on with chalk
Slate	A material used for writing on and with
Dip pens	Pens older children used for writing with.
Inkwell	A place in a child's desk that would hold ink for their pen.
The cane	A wooden stick used for hitting children when they broke the rules.
The Dunce's hat	Misbehaving children would have to sit in the corner and wear this hat



Victorian teaching and learning	
Class sizes	Teachers were very strict and there were sometimes more than 60 children in a class!
P.E lessons	Children took part in PE lessons called 'drills'. They had to march on the spot, do simple stretches and swing big wooden clubs around, to work on their strength
Lessons for boys and girls	Boys would be taught carpentry, and girls learnt how to sew, knit, cook and use a flat iron. Some girls and boys were also taught gardening
Monitors	Pupils, who behaved well, were given special classroom 'monitor' jobs, including 'Bell Ringer', 'Ink Monitor' and 'Blackboard Monitor'.

What you will learn:

- When the Victorian times were
- What schools were like in the Victorian times
- How classrooms were different in the Victorian times
- How lessons were different in the Victorian times
- How Victorian schools compare with modern schools

Schools past and present - 10 things you must

know

1. How long ago were the Victorian times?
2. What dates were the Victorian times between?
3. How long is a century?
4. How long is a decade?
5. What did children wear to school during these times?
6. What were classrooms like in Victorian times?
7. What were lessons like during these times?
8. How were children punished in Victorian times?
9. Have schools changed since the Victorian times?
10. Would you have liked to have gone to school in the Victorian era? Why? Why not?