

A recipe for a Victorian Christmas

Make a list of ten interesting facts about a Victorian Christmas.

You might want to include food, decorations, forms of entertainment, what people wore, the Victorian household, how different classes of people would have spent Christmas.

Share your list with someone else.

Create a cover design for your story

Create a cover design for your story, like a book cover.

Use things from the Victorian era as part of your design if you can.

You might want to give your story a name which will let your reader know it's set in the Victorian era.

You might want to add a shout line - a line of text - to grab the reader's attention, or a quote from someone - like a well-known author or celebrity - praising the book.

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A day in the life of...

Create your hero or heroine - a main character for your Victorian story.

Storyboard a day in the life of your character.

A storyboard is a series of pictures with brief descriptions, and sometimes some dialogue.

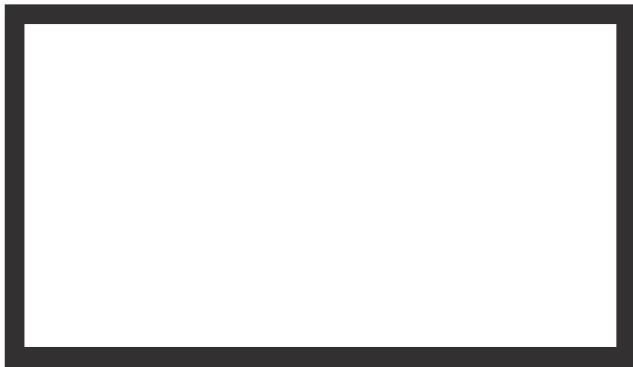
You might want to include details such as time of day too.

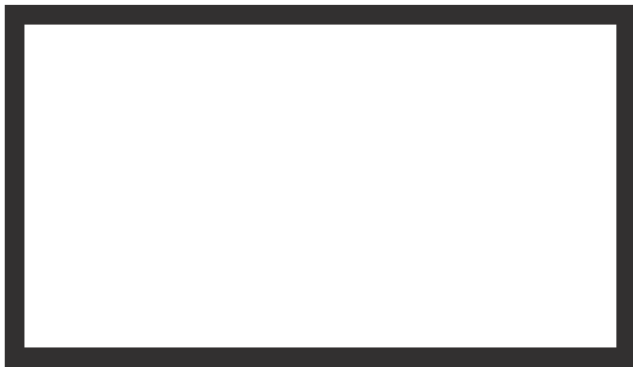
Remember your character's lifestyle will depend very much on which class they belong to. A rich lord or lady would have a very different day to a chimney sweep or housemaid, for example.

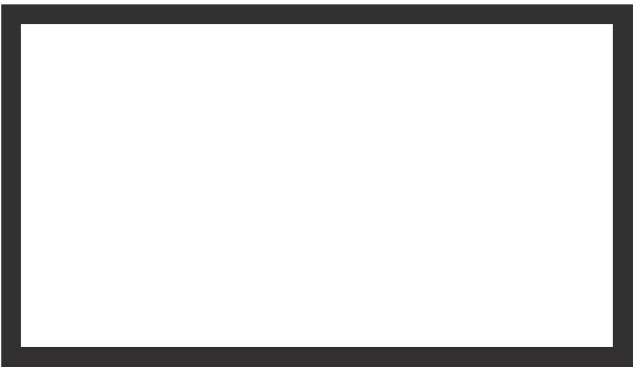
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Victorian Villains!

Create a Victorian villain for your story.

It's fun to create someone horrible and villainous!

Write a description of your Victorian villain. What is their relationship with your main character?

Stories always contain conflict so having a villain can help you to create that tension.

Time Capsule

Your main character has to create a time capsule using five items which sum up their life and the time that they live in for people in the future.

What do they include?

Start your story

Start your Victorian themed story!

Really try to paint a picture of a Victorian Christmas in your story. Pepper your story with details from your interesting facts.

Think about the class your main character belongs to. How does it make them feel? What does it enable them to do or prevent them from doing? What do they want or need?

Remember that stories contain conflict. What happens between your villain and your main character? How does your villain stop your main character from doing or achieving what they want or need?

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Extra tasks

You find the time capsule your character has buried all those years ago. How do you find it? What does it tell you about the Victorians? What do you do with it? Write a news article based on your find.

Research how the Victorians lived in your local area. Make a map to show Victorian locations and how those locations have changed over the years.

Research different annual celebrations. We are very lucky to live in a multicultural society. There are lots of opportunities to celebrate in lots of different ways. How do other children in Wales celebrate? Make a string of bunting to display all these celebrations which you can string up at your next school event or party.