

Life in Victorian England



Victorian England is known for...



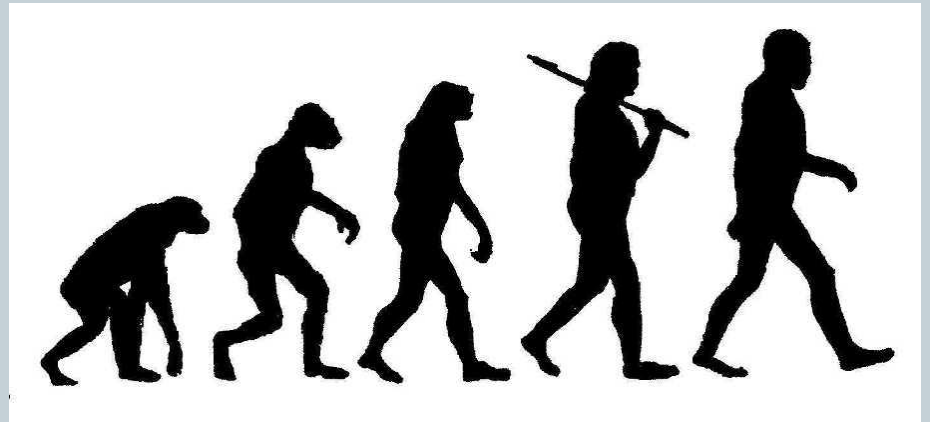
- High Morality
- Modesty
- Proper Decorum
- Science Thrived
- Industry Thrived
- Awareness for the poor and needy



Religion



- Though the Victorian Age revered the Puritan beliefs, Charles Darwin proposed his **theory of evolution** which questioned many fundamental truths of Christianity



- That God created man
- That man was created in God's image
- That man is responsible for his sinful actions

Christian Impacts- reforms



- **Salvation Army:**
 - William Booth, a young Methodist evangelist started a ministry in the slums of London
 - He organized his converts into military fashion and led them in a campaign to save lost souls
 - They focused on the those who were needy

Christian Impacts- reforms



- **YMCA**
 - “Young Men’s Christian Association”
 - As many young men moved into the cities from rural areas, they needed a place to stay temporarily
 - The YMCA was a place they could stay, get meals, enjoy Bible studies, recreation, and fellowship
 - Sir George Williams brought the idea to England and the YMCA became a popular outreach in both England and the States

Christian Impacts- reforms



- **Florence Nightingale**
 - Daughter of a wealthy Christian family in England chose to be a nurse (which was very uncommon)
 - After her training, she singlehandedly created the modern nursing profession
 - She and her nurses became widely famous during the Crimean War for their care and devotion for the injured

Christian Impacts- reforms



- **Red Cross**

- Jean-Henri Dunant led an effort to bring both doctors and nurses to the front lines of wars
- He persuaded a bunch of European countries to meet at the Geneva Convention
- There they agreed to attend to the wounded no matter the nationality
- This started the international relief group called the Red Cross

Christian Impacts- reforms



- **Spurgeon**
 - Pastor of London's largest church
 - "Prince of the Preachers"
 - Ministered for 40 years, spoke to crowds as large as 10,000, and wrote many books

Christian Impacts- reforms



- **Gypsy Smith**
 - Born in a gypsy wagon, Rodney took the nickname Gypsy Smith. His family was converted and he joined a traveling evangelist team.
 - He ministered to the poor for 70 years and became one of the best known evangelists

Science and Technology



- This was an age of inventions and technology
 - Steamboats
 - Electric light bulb
 - Phonograph
 - Telegraph
 - Telephone
 - Sewing machine
 - Bicycle
 - Internal combustion engine
 - And so many more
 - See website
www.bl.uk/learning/histcitizen/victorians/technology/industry.html

The Great Exhibition of 1851



- Prince Albert organized a vast exhibition of modern technology from around the world
- It was housed in the Crystal Palace- a building made for the international event
- The event was planned as a way to show Britain's dominance scientifically and industrially

Cruel Working Conditions



- Friedrich Engels (1844)
- [Cruel Working Conditions](#)

The Poor and the Working Class



- Many were able to work but only made enough for rent and food
- If someone could not work, they were sent to the poorhouse which had appalling conditions
- There were still many without jobs and living in squalid conditions- forced to take any job that came along- including ones where they most certainly would get a disease or be disfigured

Art and Literature



- **Classicism**



Classicism in the arts usually refers to the artists who think highly of classical times (Rome and Greece)



Art and Literature



- Romanticism



Romanticism was a movement that originated in the second half of the 18th century in Europe as a response to the Industrial Revolution. It was a revolt against aristocratic social and political norms. It focused on emotion and not the stoicism of the classics

Art and Literature



- Impressionism



Impressionism emerged in the late 19th century from Paris. The look was very different and it focused on short or small brush strokes which could be visibly seen

Art and Literature



- Literature flourished during the Victorian Age.
 - Charles Dickens – focused on life conditions (David Copperfield, Oliver twist, a Christmas carol)
 - Lewis Carroll- Alice and Wonderland
 - The Bronte sisters – Jane Eyre and Wuthering Heights
 - Alfred Lord Tennyson - poetry
 - William Butler Yeats -poetry



Fashion



- During the Victorian Age, the precise cut, color, and material of a garment revealed the social class of the wearer



Fashion: Higher Class Women



- High class women had complex dresses with many layers, cloths, and trimmings. Gloves and bonnets were expected accessories
- Bust lines rose because of Victorian modesty.
Women tried to achieve an hourglass figure by wearing corsets and having larger skirts
- Cameos were popular accessories



Upper Class Women



Fashion: Higher Class Men



- It was much more comfortable to be a man in Victorian England
- It was improper for a man to appear before a woman in his shirt sleeves so they usually always wore an informal sack coat during the day
- Formal attire included a top hat, cutaway coat, waistcoat, and trousers



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Fashion: Lower Class Women and Men




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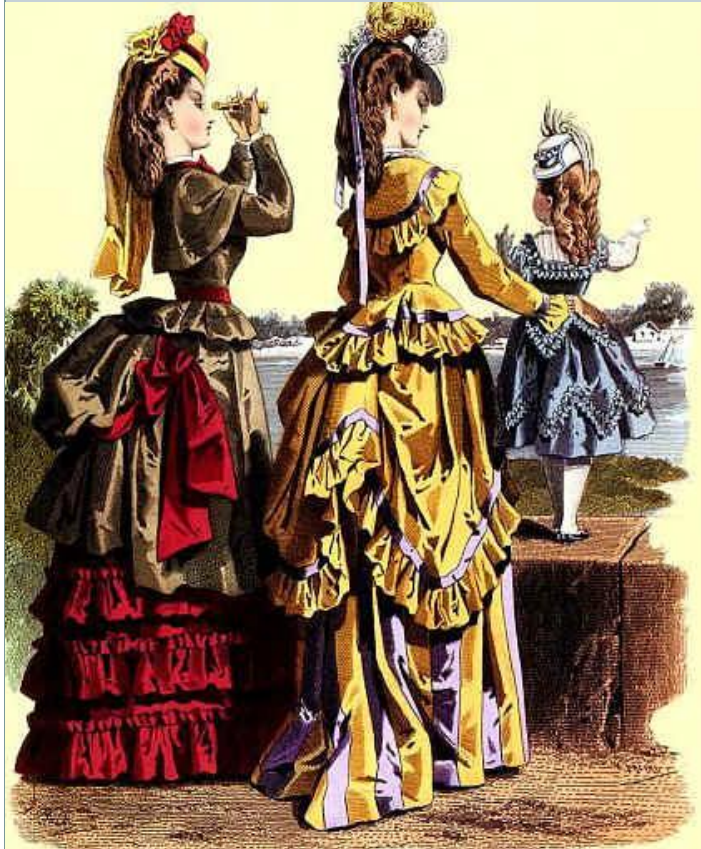


FOOT BALL.
Jerseys 3/6, 3/11,
Breeches to order 10/6
Hose. 1/6, 2/6
Caps. 2/6, 1/11



CRICKET.
VERY SUPERIOR.
Jackets 10/9
Shirt 6/11
Trousers 6/11 & 7/11

Hairstyles



Cooking and Food



- Victorian meals had as many as nine courses, although many dishes were light and small.
- For the first time, culinary schools were established and detailed measurements and instructions were written down too
- New kitchen gadgets such as the can-opener and Ball-Mason jars were introduced.



Cooking and Food



- Victorians also began to use a host of manners and customs surrounding mealtime.
- Afternoon tea became highly popular during the Victorian era. It was invented by one of Queen Victoria's ladies-in-waiting. During this time, the noble classes ate large breakfasts, small lunches and late suppers. Every afternoon, she reportedly experienced what she referred to as a "sinking feeling," so she requested that her servants bring her tea and petite-sized cakes to her boudoir. Many followed the Duchess' lead, and thus the ritual of afternoon tea was birthed.

Sports, Games, and Leisure



- “the laughing game” – say ha, haha, etc without actually laughing
- “Statues” – freeze in a position and the first to move was out
- “Charades”
- “Musical Chairs”
- “20 Questions” – try to guess what the player is thinking by asking questions to figure it out

Circuses



- The Victorians also loved to attend circuses, zoos, magic shows and other such wonders

