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What was life like for Victorian children?

Rich children were home schooled. Boys would go to public schools at 10.

Boys and girls were educated differently, separately and different life prospects.

Poor children ate poor food, worked long hours, lived in damp and filthy conditions. Many died from disease. No education.

Rich children were clean, well fed and clothed, didn't need to work, went on holidays, and had expensive toys.

Life for the poor featured in 'A Christmas Carol'

Victorian toys and games included hop scotch, spinning tops, peg dolls and thaumatropes.

Did life for Victorian children change?

Lord Shaftesbury wanted to improve life for children – Ten hours Act of 1833, Chimney Sweepers Act, President of Ragged School Union.

In 1880, the law changed making all children between 5 and 10 years old go to school, but his was not free until 1891 so some children still went to work.

'Ragged schools' got their name from the poor children going there.

Thomas Barnardo – improved life of poor children offering homes and shelter.

How do we know about the Victorians?

Documents such as books, diaries, letters and newspapers have survived.

Cameras had just been invented so some photographs were taken. We are in a Victorian School.

Many Victorian buildings and inventions are still in use, like the Underground.

What were Victorian schools like?

WHPS is a Victorian school, clues can be found on and in the building.

In inner city areas there could be 70 or 80 children in one class.

High up windows to stop children looking out of them.

Walls were bare.

Children had to copy what the teacher was writing on a chalkboard.

Punishments were harsh and cruel.

Who was Queen Victoria?

The Victorians were the people who lived during the reign of Queen Victoria.

Queen Victoria was the monarch of the British Empire.

Queen Victoria was head of state although she did not make the decisions, just like Queen Elizabeth II today.

Queen Victoria married to Prince Albert and had 9 children, one of whom became King George V.

Queen Victoria lived a very wealthy life and had many homes.

The Victorian age is known for making lots of progress and inventions.

What is the history of WHPS?

Enlarged in 1891

Was called Broomsleigh Street School.

Name changed in 1929 to Beckford School after William Beckford.

Beryl Gilroy, first black head teacher in London in 1969.

Name changed in 2021 to West Hampstead Primary School.



Queen Victoria



Sarah Forbes Bonetta



William Beckford



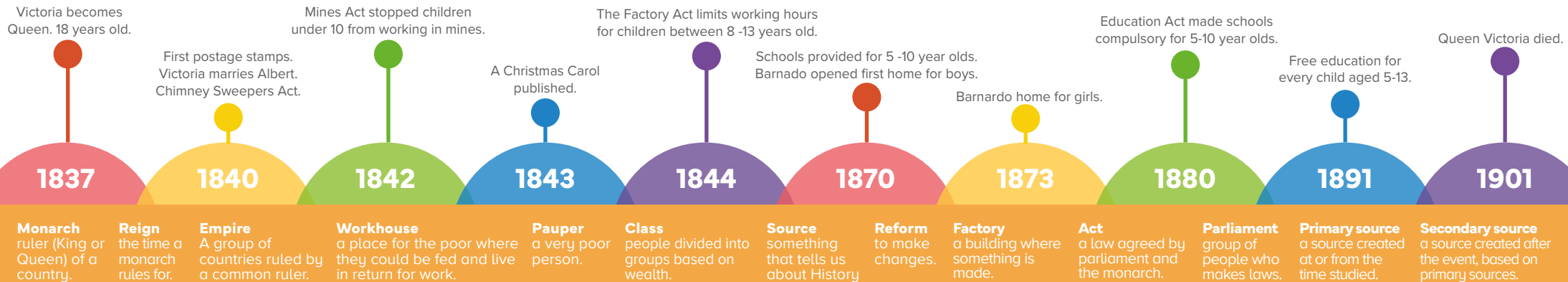
Thomas Barnardo



Lord Shaftesbury



Beryl Gilroy



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group of people who makes laws.

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