

<b>Christmas Carol</b>	<b>Written by Charles Dickens in 1843</b> <b>A famous Victorian novel about Christmas.</b>	
------------------------	---	--

**Victorian London**

Queen Victoria	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Reigned for 64 years 1837-1901</li> <li>• Married to a German prince, Albert</li> <li>• Had 9 children and valued family greatly</li> </ul>
----------------	--



Queen Victoria



Victorian transport:  
horse and cart

Victorian Period	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Victorian period was named after Queen Victoria.</li> <li>• There was no electricity or cars.</li> <li>• People used gas lamps and candles for light and coal for power.</li> <li>• During the Victorian period life changed dramatically for lots of people.</li> </ul>
------------------	---

Rich and Poor	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• People were either rich or poor in Victorian times.</li> <li>• You had to pay for lots of things in Victorian times, like school and doctors.</li> <li>• This meant life could be difficult if you were poor.</li> <li>• Rich people worked as doctors, lawyers and bankers.</li> <li>• Poor people did hard, physical jobs like sweeping chimneys, cleaning, working in factories and on farms.</li> </ul>
---------------	--



Victorian gas lamp



Victorian coal fire

**Poor**

**Rich**

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ate simple, cheap food</li> <li>• Worked long hours, had a difficult life</li> <li>• Lived in damp, filthy conditions</li> <li>• Small houses, usually only one room</li> <li>• Many children worked and died of diseases</li> </ul>
---

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Well fed, clean and well clothed</li> <li>• Had a good and easy life</li> <li>• Lived in big houses with many rooms</li> <li>• Had servants to cook and clean for them</li> <li>• Children went to school and had expensive toys</li> </ul>
--



## Morality

Religion	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Most people in Victorian times were Christians.</li> <li>• They tried their best to be good Christians and treat others well.</li> </ul>
----------	---

## Supernatural

Ghost stories	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ghost stories became popular during Victorians times.</li> <li>• Victorians were very interested in spirits and the afterlife.</li> <li>• These stories were told as entertainment.</li> </ul>
---------------	---

## Christmas

Christmas	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A Christian festival to celebrate the birth of Jesus.</li> <li>• Christmas as we know it was made popular by the Victorian royal family because everyone wanted to be like them.</li> </ul>	  
Trees	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Introduced to England by Prince Albert.</li> <li>• A picture of the royal family around a Christmas tree was printed in a newspaper in 1848.</li> </ul>	
Cards and Crackers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Sending Christmas cards was introduced by Sir Henry Cole in 1843</li> <li>• Christmas crackers were invented by a sweetshop owner in the 1840s</li> </ul>	
Carols	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• First collection of carols was published in 1833.</li> <li>• Singing carols became a popular Christmas pastime because it was something everyone (rich and poor) could enjoy.</li> </ul>	
Gifts	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Gifts used to be given at New Year's celebrations.</li> <li>• Christmas became more important for the Victorians, so gift giving was moved to Christmas Day.</li> </ul>	
Food	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The food we eat at Christmas was made popular by the Victorians.</li> <li>• Rich families ate large turkeys.</li> <li>• Poor families ate goose because it was cheaper.</li> </ul>	
Charity	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Christmas became a time for giving to the poor.</li> </ul>	