

# The Victorians: Lives of the Rich and Poor

Using your knowledge of the lives of the rich and poor in Victorian Britain and the information provided, complete the Venn diagram with notes.

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| Punishment in school was very strict. Children who misbehaved might be forced to wear a dunce cap. | It was the start of the Industrial Revolution so there was an increase in jobs and employment, particularly for those who had skills or who were strong and able workers. | Houses had polished wooden floors, beautifully carved furniture and framed portraits. |
| Every member of the family needed to work.   | Men wore suits, waistcoats and top hats. Women wore long dresses with hoops or petticoats.  | There were no toilets inside the house.   |
| Sewage trickled down the street due to the lack of underground sewers.                             | Clothes were often badly fitted, dirty or worn out. They were made to last a long time rather than be luxurious.  | Clothes were washed by hand using soap and water.                                     |
| Back-to-back houses were built in rows.  | Some families lived in small houses with several family members sharing the same bedroom.   | School lessons focused on the 3 Rs: reading, writing and arithmetic.                  |
| Servants or kitchen staff lived in servants' quarters in their houses.                             | Large houses had gardens with manicured lawns, flowerbeds and long gravel pathways.   | Children would make their own toys, such as peg dolls.                                |
| Candles or gas lamps were used to light homes.   | Children would have toys, such as rocking horses, dolls' houses or train sets.  | Clothes were dried using a mangle.  |

Rich

Poor

