

Blists Hill VICTORIAN TOWN

Activity Pack KS2




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General Activity Pack for Blists Hill VICTORIAN TOWN – KS2

Accompanying Notes

This pack has been developed to provide observational activities for KS2 school parties visiting Blists Hill VICTORIAN TOWN. The intention of the pack is to make visiting children more aware of the differences between 'then & now' and answers to the questions do not rely solely on information imparted by either demonstrators or accompanying adults, but rather on the observational skills and thoughts of the children. Help can, of course, be sought from all Blists Hill staff if required.

The locations visited to answer the questions will take your class on a tour of the Town and it is essential that all children are well supervised at all times. Not every location in the Town has questions related to it, but please encourage your party to visit as many places as possible to make the most of your visit. Alternatively you may wish to split your class and ask different groups to visit different places and report back to the others. There is no requirement to complete the entire trail – please choose the pages most relevant to your needs.

If you wish your party to visit a particular building or location please confirm the opening status at the time of booking, as not all buildings are open throughout the year. We advise you to take up our offer of a free preliminary ticket to prepare your visit and to carry out any risk assessments. An excellent source of additional information on each building on the site is the Guide Book and is available from the shop at the site entrance. The Museum can also provide **School Loans Boxes**, which contain artefacts and additional information to enhance your visit. Please contact Rose Lloyd on 10952 433 970.

Options to enhance your visit

Blists Hill VICTORIAN TOWN is able to offer special bookable sessions for classes to experience the following:

VICTORIAN SCHOOL

Teach your child in an original Victorian school. A detailed support pack, costumes for you and your class and a classroom assistant are provided by the Museum. A Museum-led School Session can be booked between November and April.

BRICK MAKING

Includes making a hand-thrown brick and gives an insight into the historical issue of working children.

Other workshops include **HISTORICAL DETECTIVES** and **PRINTING**.

For details of other workshops visit our website at <http://www.ironbridge.org.uk> or call Rose Lloyd on 01952 433 970

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The answers to these questions can be found either at or close to, the places named. Sometimes the answer can be on the window or wall out-side, and sometimes it is inside the building. You might be asked to write other answers, which means you will have to think! Feel free to enter the buildings which are open just to have a look, or to ask the demonstrator any questions that you have.

A replica Victorian letterbox is to be found outside Lloyds Bank. How is it different from a post box that you might see today?



Lloyds Bank

You can change your money into old-fashioned pre-decimal token coins. These can be used in the shops at Blists Hill.



Jack Crabtree – Engineer and Expert

Bicycles were becoming an important form of transportation. They were often used for 'days out' in the country. How much do the 3 types of 'Hudson' cycles cost?

10 Guineas is roughly £1,000 in today's money.

Look at any one of the bicycles. Write down 2 similarities and 2 differences to a modern bicycle;

Name of the bicycle:

Similarities

Differences

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How easy would you find it to ride a bike wearing the clothes on display?

Easy? OK? Hard? Very Hard? (tick a box)

A.F.Blakemore & Son – Grocer

Before Supermarkets existed the Grocer was an important place for any housewife doing her shopping. Have a look inside at the different products and write down the names of 3 items which were sold.



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The shop window was used to advertise things for sale, just like today. Look in the window and write down what is on display.



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Bates & Hunt – Druggist

Although the sign says that this shop is a 'Druggist', what would we call it today?



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In Victorian times, the Druggist would sell many things. Some of the things you would expect to be there, but others seem to be rather strange to us. Find 2 things we would expect to be there and 2 strange things, and write them here.

Expect to be there

Strange things



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What was Mr. Gregory's job and on what day did he do it?

Job? Day?

How is the 'Druggist' different from a modern Chemist?
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The New Inn – Public House

In Victorian times only men were allowed into the bar and women only allowed into the Tap Room. The Smoke Room (where prices were higher) was used mainly by more highly paid workers.

On the corner of what street is The New Inn to be found?



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Why do you think there are 3 doors?



Eley's of Ironbridge – Butchers

Stand outside and look at the building. Where do you think the family who owned this shop could have lived?

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The shop is now called Eley's of Ironbridge. What was it called before?

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Look through the window and then go in. Think about what you can see and what is sold here. How is this shop different to a butcher's shop that you might visit today?



John Edmunds – Printing Shop



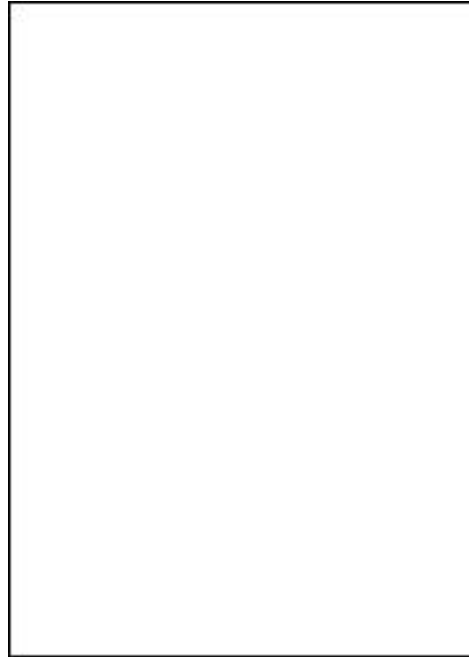
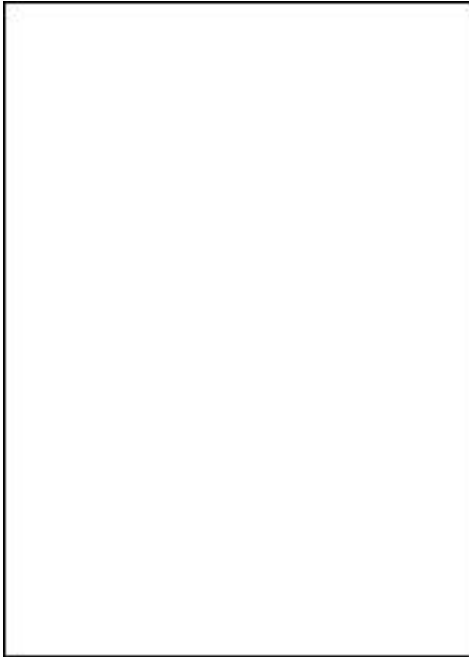
Most Victorian towns had a print shop where items such as posters, notices and tickets were printed. In what year was this Printing Shop established?



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Name one type of machine on which the printing is done?

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Outside there are numerous posters attached to the doors beside the Shop. Copy what it says on 2 of them here. Use **bold print** and CAPITAL LETTERS in the correct places.



Thomas Trevor – Candle Factory

In 1900 most towns had their own candlemakers. Why do you think it was such an important shop?

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What is the machine that dips the candles called?

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Why did the mining company use green candles?

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S.V.Woolley – Saw Mill & Carpenters

Look at the signs outside to find out what work was done by a Saw Mill. Write some here.



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What material was used to make most of these items?

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Look inside. What kind of items are made today in the Saw Mill?

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G. Phillips – Dressmaker & Milliner

This was one of the few businesses which was acceptable for women to set up and run. It would have sold a wide range of clothing, hats and even shoes for all ages of children and ladies.

Describe 2 items of clothing:



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Signs

Many Victorian signs are displayed on the wall beside the Dressmaker & Milliner Shop. Find out what was made by the following Companies;

Brasso

Jones's

Zebra

Fry's

Colman's

Cadbury's



Duke of Sutherland Cottage & Surgery

The family who live in this Cottage rent out the two back rooms to a visiting Doctor as his Waiting Room and Surgery.



What is used to cook the food, heat the water and warm the room?
If you do not know what it is called, describe it and ask your teacher later.

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The main room is called the Parlour. The tiny room is called the Scullery.
What do you think the Scullery was used for?



How is the Parlour lit?

What is used to decorate the walls?



Squatter Cottage

This little cottage was once home for up to 9 people at the same time. It got its name because the people who built it and lived in it 'squatted' on land that they did not actually own.

Instead they paid an annual rent to the land owner, called a fine.

The cottage was moved here in 1970. In its original location the nearest drinking water was a well half a mile away, (from here to the coach park)

How many rooms does this cottage have?

What are the rooms used for?

Where is the toilet?

What did the people who lived here use to wash their clothes?
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Look around carefully and then use adjectives to describe what the cottage is like inside. Use all your senses.
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This cottage was still lived in until 1977 and it did not have many things that you would have at home. Make a list of household things that you have at home but would miss if you had lived here.

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Blists Hill School – The old Stirchley School

Enter the school by the visitors door at the back. What do you see to the left beside the coat hooks?



What do you think you had to do when you came in and hung up your coats?

There are 2 classrooms. Look for the attendance board in the big classroom. What was the attendance for Monday morning?

This figure was the attendance for 2 classes. How many children are there in 2 classes at your school?

Look carefully around the smaller classroom. How is it different from your classroom?

Why do you think the windows are so high up?



What did the children use for writing?

Look at the teacher's desk. Why do you think it was so tall?

Sketch one of the desks and benches here.



What do you think the holes in the tops of the desks were for?

What is displayed on the walls?



Blists Hill School – The old Stirchley School continued...

Look through the glass at the large classroom. Make a list of things that you can see but do not have in your classroom at school.

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Think about your classroom at school. Make a list of things that you have there but which would not have been in a Victorian classroom. We will start your list with...

a computer

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Do you think you would have liked to go to a school like this?
Give at least 2 reasons for your answer.

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SHELTON TOLLHOUSE

Tollhouses were used to collect tolls from road users (similar to the M6 toll). Travellers paid different amounts depending how many horses or oxen were pulling their vehicle. After the road became free to use, it became a respectable working class home.



Stand outside and look at the building. Which room would be the best place for the Toll Collector to sit so travellers could be seen from both directions?







Many Victorian households had an embroidered sampler on display. What is embroidered onto the sampler hanging above the adult's iron frame bed?



Think carefully. Does this tell you anything about what type of people lived here in Victorian times?

There is no bathroom in this cottage. What did the people bathe in?

When you have visited all 3 cottages make some notes below to compare them with each other.

	Duke of Sutherland Cottage	Squatter Cottage	Shelton Tollhouse
 Sleeping			
Lighting			
Garden			
Water			
Decoration			

VICTORIANS AT WORK

During the Victorian era many children had to work to help support their families. The children worked down mines, in shops and in factories for long hours and for very poor wages.

As you visit the shops and work related parts of the Victorian Town, ask the demonstrators if children were used to help with any of the work during Victorian times. Record their answers here.



LOCATION	WERE CHILDREN USED?	WHAT DID THEY DO?
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When you get back to school find some other jobs which children would have done:

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