

The Mighty Midlands

History

The Industrial Revolution began in the 18th Century.

The Victorian Era began in 1838 and ended in 1901.

The Industrial Revolution was created because of the development of power, factories and a transport network.

During the Industrial Revolution, children worked as chimney sweeps, miners and factory workers.

Children's toys were very different during the Victorian era. Children from wealthy families had rocking horses and dolls houses. Children from poor families, had homemade toys.

James Watt invented the first reliable steam engine.



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Victorian children had to recite the Lord's Prayer every day at school.

The Barnardos Charity was founded by the influential Christian, Dr Barnardo.



Values

Kindness - Barnardo showed kindness towards Victorian children by opening homes for orphans.

Happiness - children became happier when they no longer had to work in factories, mines and as chimney sweeps, and when all children were able to go to school.



Geography

Great Britain is made up of four countries, England, Northern Ireland, Scotland and Wales, and is located on the continent of Europe.

The Midlands located in the central part of England and played an important role in the Industrial Revolution.

The West Midlands is made up of 5 counties.

Our local area is called the Black Country because of the smoke and pollution that came from the factories during the Industrial Revolution.

During the Industrial Revolution, the local landscape changed from rural to urban, with lots of houses and factories being built.

Coalmines were found in many places in the Midlands. The coal was used to help with the development of steam power.

The transport network, including canals and railways, was developed during the Industrial Revolution to transport goods around the country.

Symbols on an Ordnance Survey Map have different meanings.



Key Vocabulary:

Invention: An invention is a new thing that someone has made.

Rural - An area with few buildings and lots of countryside.

Urban - An area with lots of buildings, where many people live and work.

County - The areas that make up a region (e.g. Staffordshire)

Regions- The areas that make up the country (e.g. West Midlands).

Trade - The buying and selling of goods and services.

Ordnance Survey Map - maps showing human and physical features.



Art and Design

Lowry's paintings capture the atmosphere of industrial landscapes.

Paul Horton is a local artist who paints colourful landscapes. He is often described as the modern day Lowry.

