

Six Facts: A Victorian Christmas



There are lots of ways of using this resource to support your pupils in learning about the debt modern day Christmases owe to the Victorians. And with younger children, you might like to try **Catching Up With the Victorians!**

Year Group: EYFS / KS1

Outcomes: A greater understanding of the history of our Christmas traditions, and (depending on the activity chosen) practice with fine motor skills, practice with creative writing skills, opportunities to develop interpersonal skills, opportunities to develop research skills.

Catching Up With the Victorians Instructions:

1. Choose (or ask the children to choose) one of these Facts : **1840: Tree-mendous! ... 1843: What a Card! ... 1843: A Carol for Christmas! ... or 1845: What a Cracker!**
2. Share the chosen Fact with the children – and discuss it. How have things changed today – what else do we know about this particular area?
3. Support the children in taking part in a follow-up activity ...
 - **1840: Tree-mendous! ...** Look at Victorian Christmas Tree decorations – and design your own ...
 - **1843: What a Card! ...** Look at Victorian Christmas Card designs – and then make your own, for family and friends ...
 - **1843: A Carol for Christmas! ...** Talk about Ebenezer Scrooge, his likes, his dislikes and how he spends his life – then write Character Profiles and/or create images of him!
 - **1845: What a Cracker! ...** Talk about what Christmas Crackers contain – then design contents for crackers for friends and family. And even though you're probably not going to actually make the crackers, remember to pick gifts that are both appropriate for the recipients and small enough to fit inside a cracker!

