



TRAIL WORKSHEET STRANGERS' HALL

Welcome to the Victorian Rooms at Strangers' Hall. During the Victorian period, Strangers' Hall was the home to the Bollingbrooke family, from 1899 to 1922.



THE VICTORIAN DINING ROOM

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When did Queen Victoria begin her rule? (Circle one)

1819

1837

1901

Leonard Bollingbrooke, owner of the Hall, furnished it with his own collection of antique furniture. How is it different from the furniture you have in your home today?



Can you see a child's high chair at the table? Sketch it here.



Look around the room. How did the family keep warm?



Look at the reading chair in the corner. It's unusual isn't it! The man using it would sit backwards on this chair to read and rest his book on the flat panel.



Why do you think this chair was not suitable for ladies?



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Find the patterned fire screens by the fire and on the mantle piece. What do you think they are used for?



The Victorians listened to music, just like we do today, but there was no electricity.

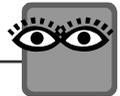
Spot the music player. How do you think this may have worked?



During Victorian times, a higher class household would have had servants. They could have been parlour maids and butlers. These servants would have had a variety of tasks to do around the house, including serving the family meal.



Can you spot an object that looks like this one? What is it and what would it be used for? (Hint: Ding-a-ling!)



What did you eat at home last night? Did you eat anything

Victorian families would often eat meals of at least 6 courses—all sitting around the table together. The menu could include oxtail soup, sole with cream sauce, leg of mutton with potatoes and broccoli, pheasant, stuffed tomatoes with beef and puff pastry with lemon cream.

similar to the Victorian meal?



THE VICTORIAN NURSERY

In here the youngest children in the house would have eaten, slept, played and even gone to the toilet! They would have spent their time in here with a hired Nanny.

Which of the following words could you use to describe it?

light **NEW** COMFORT
CLUTTERED painted fun
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Write down four reasons why this nursery is different from your bedroom at home.



Look for this chair. What is odd about its shape? Why do you think it was made this way?



How would the children have washed in this room? Please draw the item.

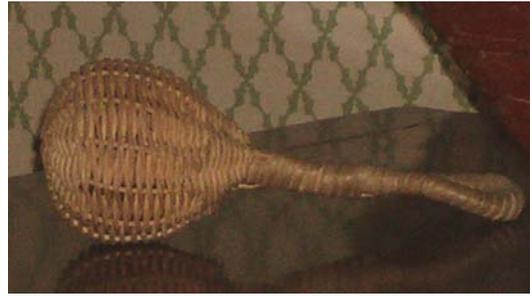


Look at the toilet. It would have been very modern in Victorian days. It did flush, but only into a bucket! A servant would have had to empty it.



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Can you find this object? What do you think it is? How would a modern one be different?



The Bible and religion were very important to the Victorian people. Many of the toys children played with were based on Bible stories. Can you see one in this room?

Which Bible story is it based on?

THE VICTORIAN PARLOUR

This room is full of nick nacks and ornaments! This was very fashionable in Victorian times. In this room the lady of the house would have entertained friends and enjoyed hobbies. Her children were rarely allowed in here—maybe only on Sundays!

Have a look at the people in the portraits on the wall. How are their clothes different from what you were today?



Draw your own portrait 'Victorian Style'



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Have a good look around the room. What hobbies do you think would have been done in here?
Which do you still do today?



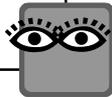
Spot the photo album on the table.

Camera's and photographs were still very new inventions in the Victorian era and it took much longer to take a picture than what it does today.

Family photos were a popular subject. Draw your own family photo, or choose something else to draw!



Find these objects. They are part of a writing set. How is writing different today?



How do you think this room would have been lit?



Find this object. Why do you think all the ornaments like this are kept under glass? (Hint: What keeps them warm in this room?)



Have a look for this object.



It is a foot warmer. It would have been filled with hot ashes, so that when you rested your feet on it, they would keep warm!

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TEACHERS' INSTANT EXPERT NOTES

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Can you see a child's high chair at the table? Sketch it here.



The high chair is a wooden chair at the front left end of the table.

Look around the room. How did the family keep warm?



From the heat of the fire.

Look at the reading chair in the corner. It's unusual isn't it! The man using it would sit backwards on this chair to read and rest his book on the flat panel.



Why do you think this chair was not suitable for ladies?



They would need to sit with their legs apart. This was very unladylike in Victorian times. Equally, they would struggle to sit astride the chair in such bulky skirts.

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Find the patterned fire screens by the fire and on the mantle piece. What do you think they are used for?



There are a number of fire screens. Two are small hand held ones on the mantle piece above the fire and two are larger, free standing screens. All are to protect the family from the heat of the fire. They were particularly for the ladies, who did not want to appear flushed (pale skin was fashionable in the Victorian era).

The Victorians listened to music, just like we do today, but there was no electricity.

Spot the music player. How do you think this may have worked?



The music player on the window sill is a wind up player. You can see the handle on the side of the box which would be turned to create power.



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Can you spot an object that looks like this one? What is it and what would it be used for? (Hint: Ding-a-ling!)



The object is a bell pull. If it was pulled, a bell would sound in the servant area (probably the kitchen) and alert them that they were required. It is patterned with embroidery to make it blend in with the décor of the room.

What did you eat at home last night? Did you eat anything

similar to the Victorian meal?

Victorian families would often eat meals of at least 6 courses—all sitting around the table together. The menu could include oxtail soup, sole with cream sauce, leg of mutton with potatoes and broccoli, pheasant, stuffed tomatoes with beef and puff pastry with lemon cream.



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Write down four reasons why this nursery is different from your bedroom at home.

Your pupils are likely to think of their own ideas concerning how the nursery is different from their own bedrooms. However, they could be encouraged to think about the decorations, the pictures on the wall, the various toys, the furniture, as well as issues such as lack of electricity and central heating.



Look for this chair. What is odd about its shape? Why do you think it was made this way?



The chair is an odd shape because the back is so straight and narrow. This is to encourage the children to practice sitting up straight and tall.



How would the children have washed in this room? Please draw the item.

The young child would have washed in a small tub by the fire (similar to the one that is presently by the fire, but this is for a very young child). The water would be brought up from the kitchen and taken back down again after use. It would have been heated by the fire.

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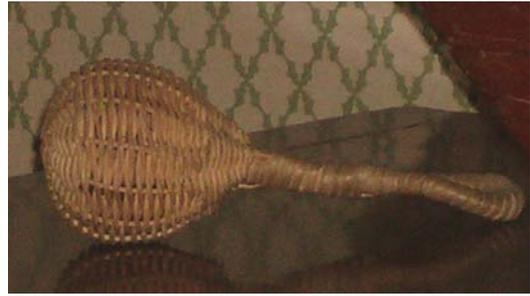
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The object is a rattle. A modern one would likely be made of plastic.



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Noah's Ark

On a Sunday, children would only be allowed to play with toys of religious significance, and would be encouraged to play with them on other days as well.. They were called 'improvement toys'. Other objects of religious significance are the samplers on the walls, showing bible verses. One is placed above the cot as a precaution, in case of sudden infant death syndrome.

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A large, empty rounded rectangular box for writing an answer to the question about Victorian clothing.

Draw your own portrait 'Victorian Style'



A large, empty rounded rectangular box for drawing a portrait in Victorian style.

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Have a good look around the room. What hobbies do you think would have been done in here?
Which do you still do today?

There is evidence of hobbies such as writing letters, reading, drawing, painting, photography, bird watching, music and needlework.



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Children can think about electronic communication, such as emails and texting.



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By oil (paraffin) light on the table. Gas lighting was also available in this era.

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To protect them from the smoke and ash of the fire. The glass keeps them in pristine condition and minimises the need for cleaning.

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