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# HISTORY

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## FLORENCE NIGHTINGALE



Florence Nightingale

Florence Nightingale had a very lucky upbringing. Being rich in the Victorian time meant you had a much better start to life.

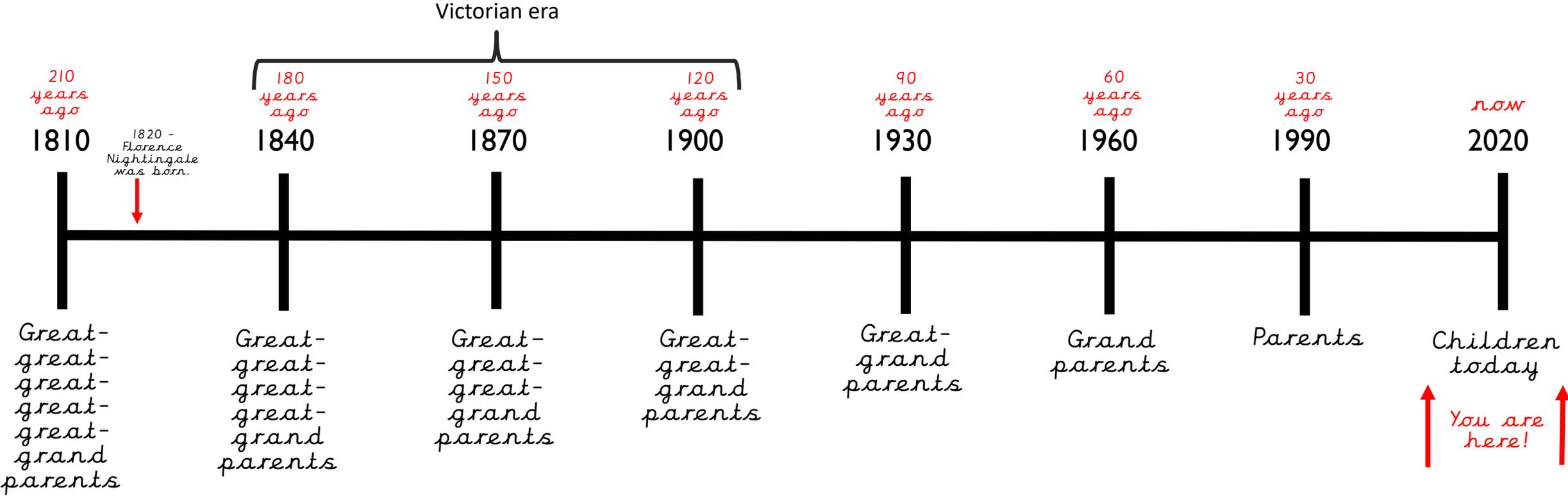
Florence came from a very wealthy family (they owned two homes!) which meant she was able to have an education. Not all children were as lucky. Today we will be reading about what life was like for both rich and poor Victorian children.



Queen Victoria

# VICTORIAN TIMELINE

Here's the timeline from last week to remind you when the Victorian era was. Take a moment to remind yourself!



# WHAT WAS LIFE LIKE FOR POOR CHILDREN?

Life was very hard for poor people during the Victorian era.

In 1837, at the beginning of Queen Victoria's reign, only wealthy or privileged children could afford to go to school.

Poor children, even as young as four years old, had to work to help support their families.

Most mine, factory and mill owners did not think anything was wrong with giving jobs, particularly nasty ones, to children.

There were no laws to protect working children.

**Do you think it's fair they had to work, just because they were poor?** Discuss with your family.



# WHAT JOBS DID POOR VICTORIAN CHILDREN DO?



Children did various kinds of jobs and many were unsafe, poorly paid and damaging to their health.

They included:

- chimney sweeps
- domestic servants in stately homes
- mill workers
- factory workers
- farm hands
- working in coal mines

# WHAT WAS LIFE LIKE FOR RICH CHILDREN?

Lots of poor people were employed by the rich to work in their homes as servants, butlers and cooks.

Rich boys and girls, like Florence, were educated at home by a governess who also lived in the house.

At the age of ten, boys would then go to boarding school while girls continued to be taught at home by a governess.

In 1880, a law was made to make sure every child (rich and poor!) in Britain between the ages of 5 and 10 went to school.



# VICTORIAN CHALLENGES

The best way of understanding what life was like for the poor and rich children growing up in Victorian times is to become like one of them for the afternoon! Pick whether you'd like to experience the life of a poor or rich child and complete one of these activities (these can be completed later in the week if that works better!)

## **Rich Children:**

- Girls were taught how to sew. See if you can sew something simple at home.
- Children were taught how to speak French. Can you learn a simple French phrase? (There is a French lesson on CBBC on Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> January from 9:00-9:20 if you would like to join this!)
- Times tables were taught in chants. Can you chant the two times table out loud?

## **Poor Children (employed in a stately home):**

- Children were given a long list of chores to do around their master's house each day. Ask your parents to give you three chores to do and see if you can do them all in under 30 minutes.
- Tesco was not around in Victorian times! Food had to be made from scratch and only the rich could afford luxury items like cake ingredients. Today, learn how to bake a Victoria Sponge Cake.