

River & Rowing Museum

Key Stage 2: Victorians: let's look at the evidence

Workshop Summary



The workshop will give pupils the experience of finding out about the Victorians using a variety of different sources. The sources are mainly from Henley but the skills learnt are transferrable to your local town, which the pupils can use back at school.

Workshop Contents

Education Centre (Museum Tutor led)

- Pupils compare and contrast Victorian portrait photographs with modern 'snaps'
- Pupils compare and contrast photographs of Victorian Henley – then and now
- Pupils handle, draw and closely observe Victorian objects
- Pupils compare and contrast maps of Victorian and modern Henley
- Pupils analyse a census page

Walk (Museum Tutor led)

- A walk along the riverside and then into town stopping to look for evidence of Victorian Henley

Galleries (Teacher led)

- Searching for evidence in order to complete sections of a mock Victorian local newspaper

Learning Outcomes

- Learning how to 'read' evidence using a variety of historical sources.
- Developing vocabulary to talk and write about the past

National Curriculum Areas Covered

- History:
 - Unit 12 How did life change in our locality in Victorian times?
 - Historical enquiry skills

Useful Pupil Preparation

- It is useful if pupils have been introduced to the topic of the Victorians before their visit.