

Victorian schools



What type of **education** do you think Queen Victoria had?

Do you think all children in Victorian times had a similar education?

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How is this **different** or **similar** to your classroom?

How would you feel sitting in a classroom like this?

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What do you notice in this photograph?

How do you think the children learnt in this class?



Lessons were very **formal**. Children **recited** facts and copied from the blackboard.

Young children wrote on a piece of **slate**. Older children used an ink pen and paper.

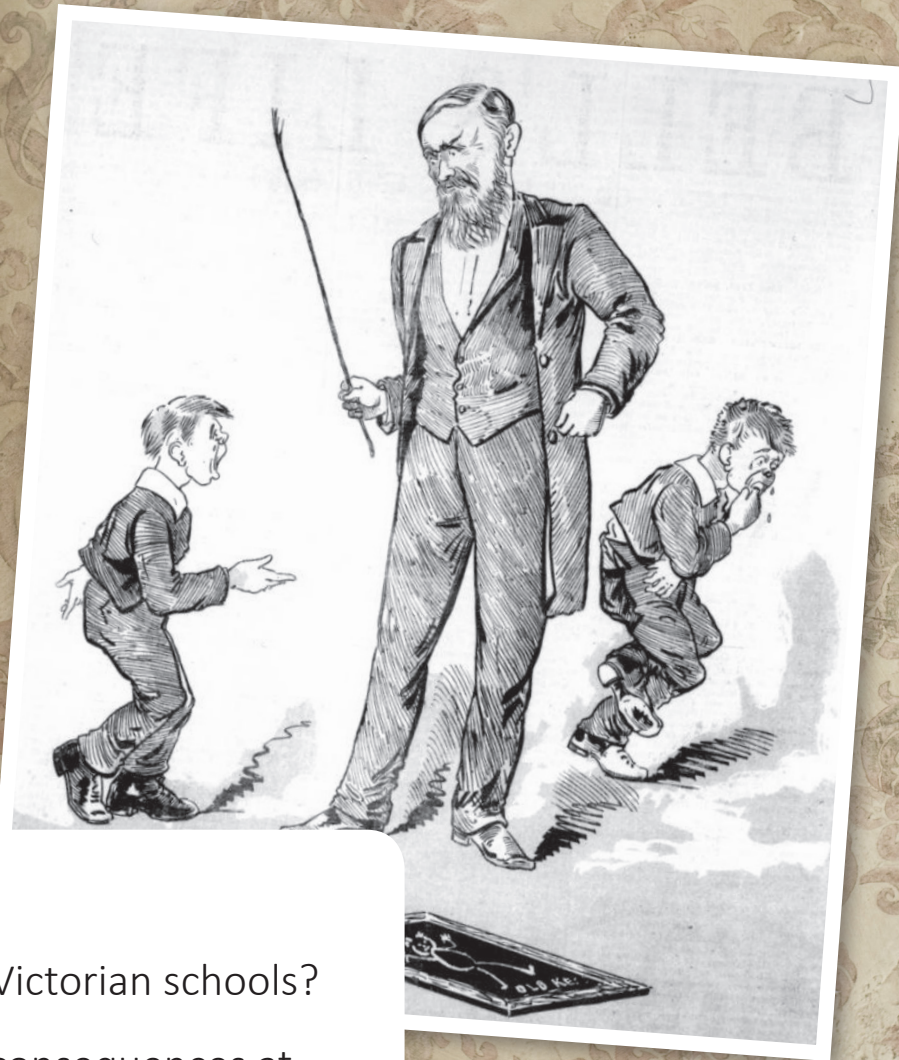
What do you think this wooden **abacus** was used for?



At break time, Victorian children played with toys such as hoops, spinning tops and marbles.

They also played football, hopscotch and tag.

What games do you play at break time?



Victorian teachers were very **strict**.

What can you find out about **punishments** in Victorian schools?

How do they compare with punishments and consequences at your school?



Have you heard of a **dunce's hat**?

Why do you think it was used?

How might children have felt when they were wearing it?

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Find out more about Victorian schools...

You could look at schools such as:

- dame schools
- boarding schools
- grammar schools
- public schools
- church schools
- ragged schools

Use your notes to make an **annotated timeline**.

Can you explain how schools developed during Victorian times?

