

# Survival of the Fittest

Would I have survived?

Year 6  
Spring Term

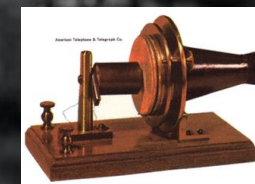
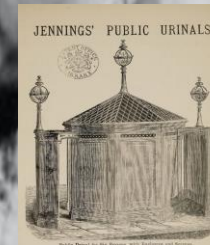
The Victorian era was the period of time between 1837 to 1901 when Queen Victoria reigned over Britain. During her 63 year reign, there was a huge contrast between how the rich and poor Victorians lived. Queen Victoria led the expansion of the British empire and saw major changes to all aspects of Britain due to exciting discoveries and inventions.

## Key Vocabulary

empire	a number of nations controlled by one nation
poverty	being extremely poor
revolution	important change
conditions	how good or bad something is
parliament	a group of people who make or change laws
innovations	new ways of doing things
child labour	the exploitation of children through any form of work that deprives them of their childhood
industry	a group of companies that all produce the same thing
workhouses	huge buildings built for very poor people to live and work.
reign	to control a country

## Key Inventions

1800s- Railway Network  
 1838- Photography  
 1840- Penny Black  
 1852- British Pillar Post Box  
 1852- Public Flushing Toilet  
 1863- London Underground Railway  
 1872- The Penny Farthing Bicycle  
 1843- Christmas Cards  
 1876- Telephone  
 1879- Electric Bulb  
 1885- Petrol Motor Car  
 1895- X-rays



## Children's Jobs

Farm work  
 Trade apprentice- Butcher, Baker, Funeral Parlour etc.  
 Chimney Sweep  
 Factory worker- cleaning machinery  
 Trapper- Open and shut doors in mines to allow release of gases.  
 Drawer- Pull carts of coal by a chain around their waist out of the mines.

## Street Children

Run Errands  
 Shoe shine  
 Sweep streets  
 Begging  
 Stealing  
 Selling - flowers, matchsticks, boot laces, buttons or firewood.