

Welcome to Your Summer Transition Project!

Dear Future Year 7 Students,

Congratulations on nearly finishing Year 6! As you prepare to start your journey at secondary school, we have a special project for you. This summer, your task is to create an informative and colourful leaflet about Victorian England. This project will help you dive into the historical setting of **Oliver Twist**, which we will study together in your first term English lessons.



Why Victorian England?

Victorian England was a time of great change and contrast. From the reign of Queen Victoria (1837-1901), this period saw incredible advancements in industry, science, and society. However, it was also a time of great social inequality and hardship, which Charles Dickens vividly portrays in his novels, including **Oliver Twist**.

What to Include in Your Leaflet:

- 1. Daily Life:** Describe what daily life was like for different classes of people, including the rich, middle class, and poor. What kinds of jobs did they have? What did children do?
- 2. Important Events:** Highlight key events during the Victorian era such as the Industrial Revolution, the expansion of the British Empire, and the passing of important laws that changed society.
- 3. Famous Victorians:** Include information about Queen Victoria and other significant figures like Charles Dickens, Florence Nightingale, and Isambard Kingdom Brunel.
- 4. Science and Innovation:** Mention some of the era's most important inventions and discoveries, like the steam engine, the telegraph, and gas lighting.
- 5. Victorian London:** Give a glimpse into what London was like during this time. Consider aspects like architecture, transportation, and the contrasts between the rich and poor areas.

How to Make Your Leaflet:

- **Be Colourful and Visual:** Use bright colours and include pictures or drawings. Each section of your leaflet should be visually appealing and easy to read.
- **Be Creative:** Feel free to draw illustrations, use fun fonts, or even include little-known facts or quotes from the era.
- **Be Informative:** Make sure your leaflet provides useful information in a way that's easy to understand. Use headings and bullet points to organise your content.



Tips for Success:

- **Research:** Use books, websites, and documentaries to gather accurate information. Libraries and the internet will be invaluable tools for this.
- **Plan Your Layout:** Before you start, sketch out a layout of how you want your leaflet to look. Decide where each piece of information will go.
- **Proofread:** Make sure there are no spelling or grammar mistakes in your final piece.
- **Enjoy the Process:** Have fun learning about this fascinating period in history and expressing your creativity.

Submission Details:

Please bring your completed leaflet with you on the first day of school. We will display these and they will serve as a great starting point for our discussions on **Oliver Twist**.

We look forward to seeing your wonderful creations and to starting our new school year together with a blast from the past! Enjoy your summer and happy researching!