The information below is a brief history of Victorian laws relation to child labour and education

**1837 -** Victoria becomes queen.

**1842 -** Mines Act stopped women and children under 10 working in mines (this was prompted by the Huskar Pit disaster in 1838).

**1847 -** Factory Act stopped children between 8-12 from working more than 6½ hours a day, women and children 13-18 couldn’t work more than 12 hours a day!.

**1864 -** Boys under 10 were banned from being chimney sweeps.

**1870 -** Education Act set up school boards to provide schooling for 5-11 year olds.

**1874 -**The Ten Hour Factory Act meant that people could not be made to work for more than 10 hours a day and children under 14 could not be employed fulltime.

**1878 -** Factory and Workshop Act banned the employment of children under 10.

**1880 -** Education Act made it compulsory for children up to 12 to go to school, but most children had to pay.

**1891 -** Education is free and compulsory for all 5-13 year olds.

**1901 -** Queen Victoria dies

These notes relate to the ‘[What was life like for Victorian Children. Did it get any better?](https://historicengland.org.uk/services-skills/education/teaching-activities/what-was-life-like-for-victorian-children-did-it-get-any-better)’ Teaching Activity