

Victorian School

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Stop 2: April Victorian School Experience

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In your class photos are you allowed to smile? Do you know that smiling was discouraged in the Victorian times!



This is a class photo from Withington School in Cheltenham in around 1900



Draw, or print out and stick a picture of your class photo here. What differences you can spot.





Handwriting Practice 1.

Copy each of the letters and then try writing your name at the bottom of the page. This activity is best attempted with a quill and ink, but you can use a normal pen too!

Handwriting Practice

Aa

Cc

Ee

Gg

Ii

Kk

Mm

Oo

Qq

Ss

Uu

Ww

Yy

Bb

Dd

Ff

Hh

Jj

Ll

Nn

Pp

Rr

Tt

Vv

Xx

Zz

Your name:

Handwriting Practice 2.



Victorian children often learnt to write by tracing letters.

Vesuvius.

a large

Volcano

near

NAPLES

Learn how to
write delicately
designed letters

Use a pen (or
quill and ink) to
trace over the faint
writing above.

Can you reveal
the hidden
Geography based
fact?



Superstar Student



TODAY I WAS BEST AT:.....

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Pen and ink



This is a picture of a desk with an ink well

Victorian children would have had a little ink well like this one on their desk, to dip their pen in. The design made it more difficult for the ink to spill if it was knocked over.



Make your ink

You will need:

- A big handful or two of berries (blackberries, elderberries, or blackcurrants work well)
- A small spoonful of vinegar
- A small spoonful of salt

Method:

- Push the berries through a strainer so you are left with just the juice
- Mix everything together and put your ink in a jar or small container. Keep it in the fridge – but it will only keep for a few days

Looking for berries

First of all, look for some berries. You may have some in the freezer, or you could ask an adult to take you berry picking. Don't eat a berry you are not sure about!

Keeping your ink

Empty spice jars like this one work well for storing the ink – but don't tip anything out without asking!



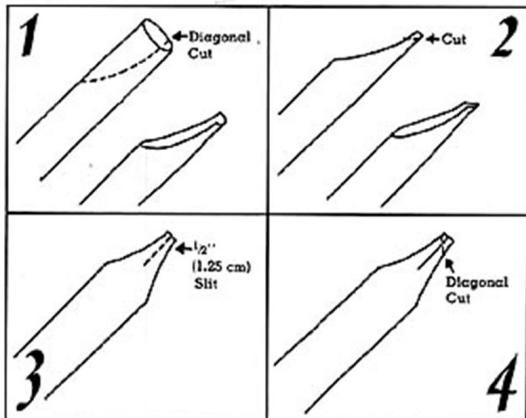
Make your dip pen

You will need:

- Plastic straws
- Sharp scissors
- Someone to help with the cutting if you need it.

Method:

- Cut the bendy section off the straw
- Cut one end of the straw at a 45 degree angle
- Follow the steps below to cut the nib of the pen to the shape you need



It is always best to choose paper rather than plastic. But for this exercise, a paper straw goes soggy in the ink. So on this rare occasion, we recommend you choose a plastic straw.

Do try to reuse / recycle your plastic straws once you are finished

Practice makes perfect

We had to make a few pens until we got one that worked well. You might need to do the same!

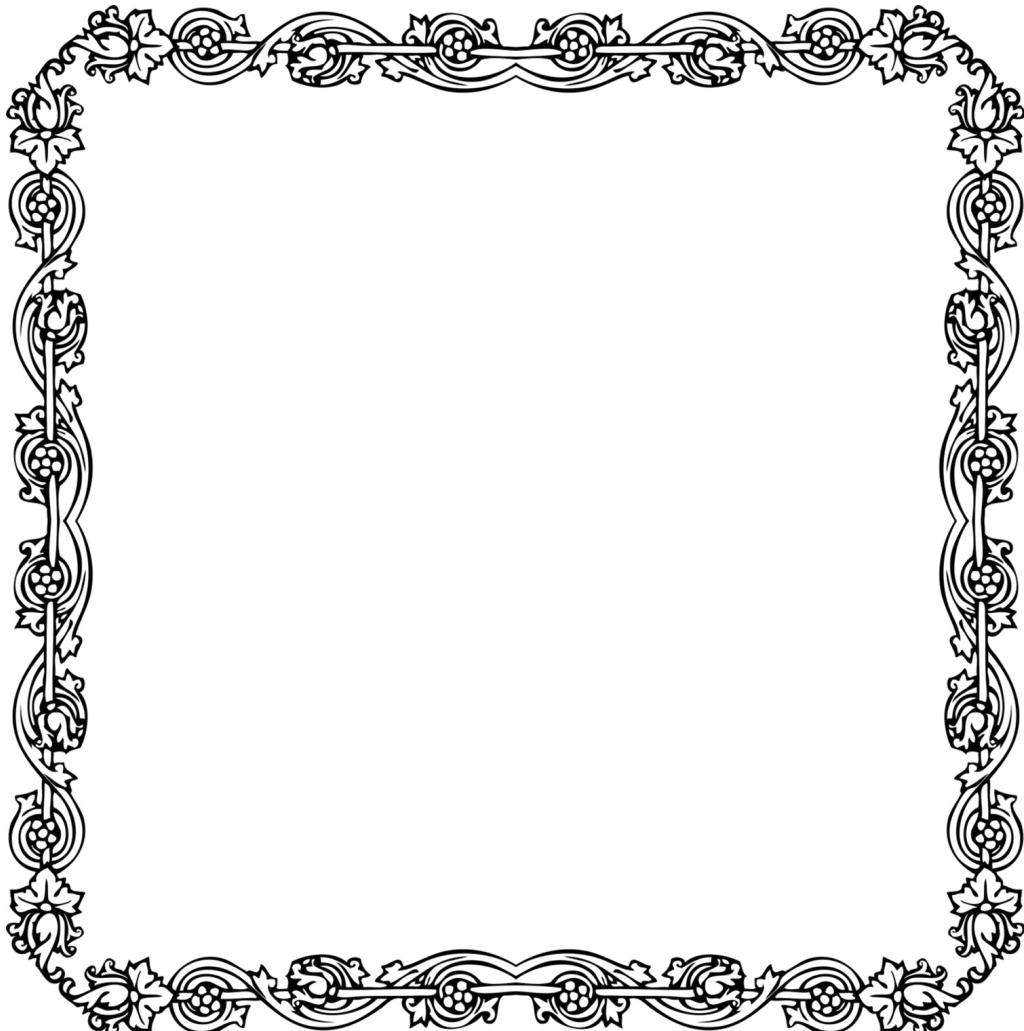


Top tip!
Make the slit in step 3 quite short.



This is what your pen might look like when finished

Victorian portrait



Use your pen and ink to draw a picture of yourself in Victorian school uniform