



## Stop 2: April Victorian School Experience

Stamp passport  
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Complete

Destination check list

Book onto session

Download / print  
destination activity  
pack and insert

Take part in  
session

Complete activity  
pack

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media





## Fact File: Victorian School

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

Bb

Cc

Dd

Ee

Ff

Gg

Hh

Ii

Jj

Kk

Ll

Mm

Nn

Oo

Pp

Qq

Rr

Ss

Tt

Uu

Vv

Ww

Xx

Yy

Zz

Your name:



## Handwriting Practice 2.



Victorian children often learnt to write by tracing letters.

Vesuvius.

*a large*

Volcario

*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.



One of the main differences between the Victorian schools and our schools today, is the use of celebration.

Today, we celebrate childrens's successess and best efforts. Here is your celebration triopry!

TODAY I WAS BEST AT:.....

# FactFile

## 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!



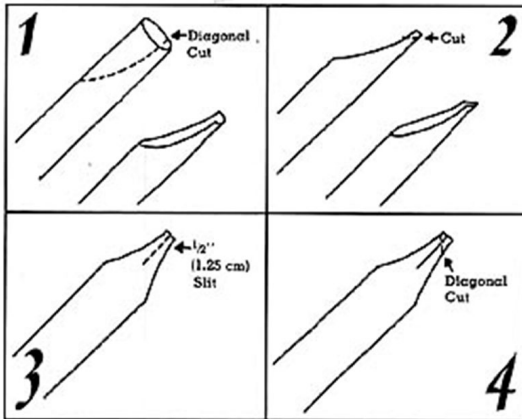
# Make your dip pen

## 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

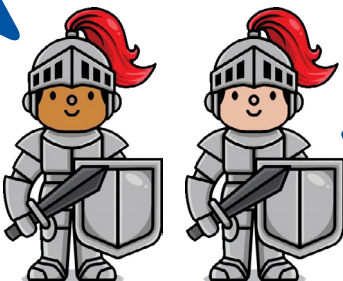
## Practice makes perfect

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

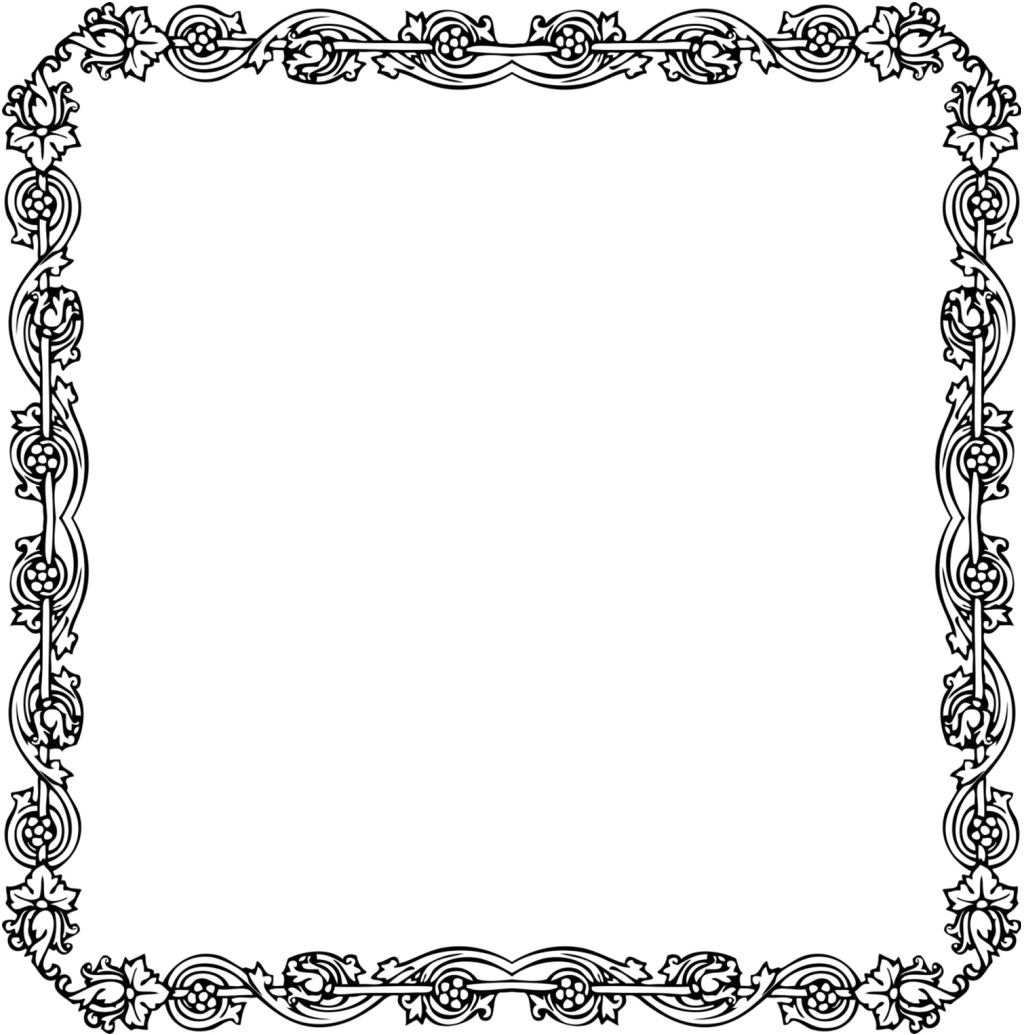
Top tip!  
Make the slit in step 3 quite short.



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