



## Session Outline: Victorian Christmas

Learning objectives	Session structure	
<p>Many of our Christmas traditions began during Victorian times</p> <p>Life was different in Victorian times</p> <p>All traditions had to begin at some point, and many of our Christmas traditions began during the Victorian period</p> <p>How people had fun before screen based entertainment was invented</p>	<p><b>Morning</b></p> <p><b>Introduction to whole class</b></p> <p>When was Victorian period? Who was Victoria, why is she still so celebrated?</p> <p>Why is there a celebration at this time of year? Historical roots of mid-winter celebration</p> <p>True and False game about life in Victorian times</p> <p>We then ask you to split the class into two groups to rotate activities</p> <p><b>Cracker and card making</b></p> <p>In our festive hobbit house the children make their own Christmas crackers to take home and</p> <p><b>Parlour games</b></p> <p>Children learn how to play some Victorian Parlour games which they could play at home over the holidays, and make their own card using some of the more curious card designs from the Victorian period</p> <p><b>Afternoon</b></p> <p>Children can choose if they would like to decorate one of our trees, make some popcorn garlands on the fire, or go on a goose hunt.</p> <p><b>Yule fire</b></p> <p>We finish off playing a few games around the yule fire and have a visit from a Victorian Style very special guest.</p>	
Before your visit	After your visit	Key vocabulary
<p>Since it was A Christmas Carol which really kicked off Victorians love of Christmas, you could read a simplified version of Charles Dickens 'A Christmas Carol', or see if you can find Alistair Sim's Academy Award winning animated version from 1971: it's under 30 minutes long.</p>	<p>Learn about how Christmas has changed since the Victorian times. Things like the shopping season, Black Friday, Boxing day sales, Christmas films.</p> <p>In Canada they show the Grinch every Christmas.</p>	<p>Victorian Tradition Charles Dickens Parlour Yule</p>