

Monday 4th May 2020

Literacy Task

L1: To write a letter

Victorian Workhouses were tough places; many children were orphans or did not see their parents often. Living conditions were harsh and children were expected to follow a strict timetable.

These timetables included things such as:

- Waking up and making the bed
- Having a bath and praying before each meal
- Completing historical reading
- Boys would learn how to write and use geographical maps
- Girls would complete needlework and knitting
- All areas would be cleaned before having dinner and then finally going to bed



Your task:

You are a workhouse child. You will need to write a letter to a family member explaining what life has been like. Make sure you include lots of detail, whilst explaining your thoughts and feelings.

You should refer to the following:

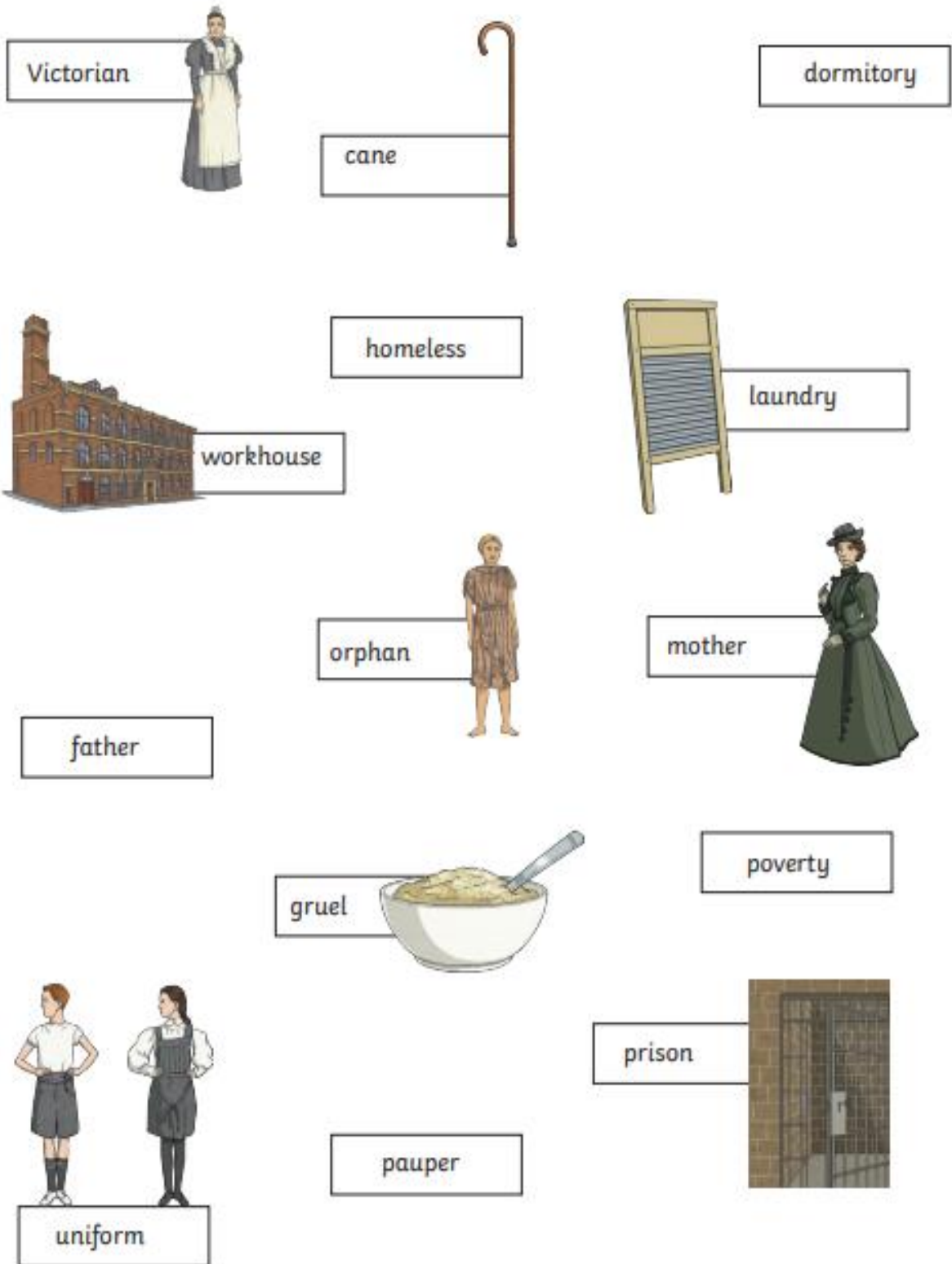
- What is the food like?
- What has your education been like?
- What jobs do you need to carry out?
- Where do the children sleep?
- What are the rules like and are they strict?
- Have you made any friends?
- Do you miss your home and family?

Websites with extra information:

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/clips/zsdw2hv>
<http://victorian-era.org/victorian-era-factories.html>

Word Bank:

Make sure you research these words further if you are unsure of the meaning!



Layout

Write the address of the Workhouse:

5th May 1866

Dear _____,

Write an introduction.

Write in paragraphs around a theme.

Write a conclusion.

Use a complimentary close, e.g. With love,

Sign your name.
