

History Hackers: Victorian Venture

Chapter 3: Beggars, Toffs and Overgrown Bantlings

Before Reading

Find and write the meaning of the following words from this chapter:

- Cacophony (p18)
- Stench (p18)
- Squalor (p19)
- Unkempt (p20)
- Sullen (p21)
- Hostility (p22)

During Reading

Read Chapter 3 (p18-27) and answer the following questions.

1. What is a mangle used for? (p22)
2. Who do Charlie and Tilda meet first when back in Victorian York? (p22)
3. What year did the children go back to? (p23)
4. What do you think the word 'toff' means? (p24)
5. Why did Charlie tell the woman that they were thieves? (p25)
6. What is the meaning of the word 'bagger'? (p26)
7. Why did Charlie dirty his sister's dress? (p27)
8. What do you think would be the worst part about living in a Victorian slum? Give at least one reason for your answer.

After Reading

Visualisation Task

- Using the descriptions of the Victorian setting (p19-22), draw a picture of what you imagine the Victorian street to look like.
- Please include the descriptions of the setting from the book and the page numbers the descriptions are on.