

Victorian Inventions

We're going to be writing a story about a time machine, so here's a bit of work on inventions from the past - maybe you could use some of the information from the site in your story?

You will need to follow some of the links to answer some of the questions.

<http://www.primaryhomeworkhelp.co.uk/victorians/inventions.htm>

- 1) Karl Benz built the first motorcar in 1885. How many cylinders did it have?
- 2) How did the process of sending a letter change in 1840?
- 3) Thomas Edison was the first person to record a human voice. What were the words that he recorded?
- 4) How did Thomas Twyford make our lives cleaner and more hygienic?
- 5) Why did towns begin to become more attractive after 1879?
- 6) Why did it become much easier to travel around Britain in the 1850s?
- 7) How did Alexander Graham Bell change the world in 1876?
- 8) How much would it cost to send letters weighing one ounce in 1840?
- 9) Who made it possible, in 1854, to make much larger structures from metal?
- 10) What was the first complete sentence to be sent by telephone?
- 11) How did Louis Pasteur make our world safer?
- 12) Why did travelling become a bit more comfortable in 1854?
- 13) Why did travelling become a bit more unnecessary in 1895?
- 14) How did John Boyd Dunlop make travelling a bit more comfortable in 1888?
- 15) Why did travelling become a little bit less dangerous in 1885?

Bonus questions: (not on the web page).

- 16) When did H.G. Wells write 'The Time Machine'?
- 17) What does H. G. stand for?
- 18) H.G. Wells also wrote 'War of the Worlds'. How did the story cause panic in 1938?

