



VICTORIANS

Learning Resource



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This resource supports classroom and home learning for primary school learners. The six themes cover different curricular areas: Art of Empowerment, Science of Colour, Wellbeing, Victorians, Manufacturing and Engineering and Natural Environment.

Victorians explores the people and innovations of a time that experienced great social and technological change. The following artworks and activities will help you explore this.



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Photography was a new art form that emerged in the 1830s. It only took a few years before many British towns had their own studios. Queen Victoria was the first ever British monarch to be photographed.

This photograph was taken in 1866 by Jabez Hughes. It shows Queen Victoria seated on her pony Flora while her servant, and good friend, John Brown holds the pony's head.

The Arab scholar Ibn Al-Haytham (945–1040), also known as Alhazen, is generally credited as being the first person to study how we see. He invented the camera obscura, the precursor to the pinhole camera, to demonstrate how light can be used to project an image onto a flat surface.



Queen Victoria with John Brown, 1866, Cornelius Jabez Hughes



Create

Learn how to make a pinhole camera.
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Aberdeen Art Gallery was designed by local architect Alexander Marshall Mackenzie. It looks like a Greek temple, a popular choice for Victorian public buildings as it made them look old and important.

Local businessmen paid for the building and donated many of the artworks. Their aim was to provide a leisure activity that was both inspirational and educational - and show off their personal wealth.

The gallery building is made from a locally sourced stone called granite. Many of the people who paid for the gallery made their fortune by buying and selling granite. By the end of the Victorian era Aberdeen was the world centre for the granite trade.



Investigate

Granite buildings are everywhere in Aberdeen. Discover and list five buildings made of granite in the city centre.



Learn

George Washington Wilson was a famous Scottish photographer who introduced new techniques in outdoor photography and in creating photographic prints in large numbers. He was employed by Queen Victoria to photograph the Royal family at their home on the Balmoral estate. You can discover more about his life and view some of his work [click here](#)



Aberdeen Art Gallery