

Toys in the Victorian era and toys today

Creativity

Resilience

Community



Sticky Knowledge

- Toys have existed for thousands of years. They were made out of the materials that were available at the time. Even stones and string have been made into toys.
- Toys were mainly made of wood, paper and metal during the Victorian age.
- Rich Victorian children played with toys such as clockwork trains, rocking horses, tea sets and dolls. Poorer Victorian children played with homemade toys such as peg dolls, wooden boats and rags stuffed with sawdust to make balls or toy animals.
- Modern toys are mainly made of plastic. This is because it is usually safer and easier to make things with.
- Many modern toys use electricity to work. Computers and consoles were invented in the 20th century.

Subject Specific Vocabulary

Victorian Era		The time of Queen Victoria's reign the UK.	Queen Victoria reigned from 1837-1901	Key Fact: Many new things were invented during this time, including the bicycle.
The 20th Century		The 20th century was 1900-1999. There were a lot of changes and events in the 20th century, including 4 kings/queens, 2 world wars and major advancement in technology.	A century is 100 years long.	Key Fact: Lots of the toy companies we have today started in the 20 th Century.
The 21st Century		We are in the 21st century now. It started in the year 2000 and will end in 2099.	We are in the 2020s now.	Key fact: The beginning of the 21st century was called the Millennium.
Wooden Toys		In the past, lots of toys were made of wood. Boats, train sets and cup and ball were all made of wood.	Children have been playing with wooden toys since Greek and Roman times.	Key fact: Some toys are still made of wood, but plastic is more popular.
Paper Toys		Some toys in the past, like paper windmills and paper dolls, were made from paper.	Paper toys date back to ancient times, originating in China and Japan.	Key Fact: Like wood, paper comes from trees!
Metal Toys		Toy soldiers, cars and some spinning tops were made from metal.	Sheet metal stamping machines in 1815 allowed for mass production.	Key Fact: Germany was the major producer of metal toys in the early 20th century.
Plastic Toys		Most modern toys are made of plastic. Toy soldiers, dolls and ride-on cars are usually made of plastic.	Plastic toys became popular because they were cheaper to make.	Key Fact: Lego bricks have been made since 1947.

1666 (17th century)

The Great Fire of London happened.

19th century

Toys: wooden dolls, wooden doll houses, tea sets, ball and up, spinning top, toy soldiers, leather footballs.

20th century

Toys: teddy bears, Barbie dolls, Action Man, electronic toys, computers, games consoles.

21st Century

Toys such as handheld games, consoles and virtual reality were invented, through technology.