WHAT DID THE VICTORIANS DO FOR US?

Queen Victoria Timeline

1837 - Queen Victoria crowned (aged 18 years).
1840 - Queen marries her cousin, Prince Albert.
1840 - First ragged schools set up.
1844 - Factory act states children could start work from age 8 but had to have 2 hours schooling daily.
1847 - Factory act states women and children under 18 could only work 10 hours or less daily.
1851 - Great Exhibition.
1861 - Prince Albert dies.
1863 - First underground railway opens in London.
1867 - All factory workers limited to 10 hours work daily.
1870 - Dr Barnardo opens first home for boys.
1871 - First FA cup for football.
1877 - Queen declared 'Empress of India'.
1880 - Children 5-13 required to attend school (but had to pay).
1882 - First electric power station in London.
1889 - Education made free and compulsory for children 5-13.
1897 - Queen Victoria Diamond Jubilee (50 years on the throne).
1901 - Queen Victoria dies.

Victorian Inventions

1816 George Stephenson patented a steam engine locomotive that ran on rails
1837 Electric Telegraph - William Cooke and Charles Wheaston
1839 Photographic paper - W.H.Fox - Talbot
1839 Steam powered paddle boat - Isambard Kingdom Brunel
1840 Pre-paid postage - Sir Rowland Hill
1844 Morse Code - Samuel Morse
1845 Rubber inflatable tyres - Robert Thomson
1849-1921 Ceramic toilet - Thomas William Twyford
1850 Post Box
1871 Penny Farthing - James Starley
1876 Telephone - Alexander G. Bell
1876 Electric light bulb - Thomas Edison
1885 Petrol Motor Car - Karl Benz
1895 Wireless Radio - Guglielmo Marconi

Acts of Parliament

1833 The first Factory Act provides first small regulation of child labour in textile factories.
1834 Poor Law created "poorhouses" for the destitute.
1848 British government sets up the General Board of Health to investigate sanitary conditions, setting up local boards to ensure safe water in cities.
1875 Public Health Act gives government responsibility to ensure public health for housing and sewage.
1880 Education Act made school compulsory for children up to age 10.
1901 This Factory Act raised the minimum work age to 12 years old.
1918 Education Act made school compulsory for children up to age 14.