**A CHARLES DICKENS WEBQUEST**

 **INTRODUCTION:** Charles Dickens is said to be one of the greatest writers that has ever lived.  Before we read one of his novels, I would like you to spend some time getting to know this man and learning what the world was like as he knew it.

You will be directed to various links to answer the following questions.  Write the answers on your worksheet. Have fun!

**Please begin by clicking on the following link to answer the following questions:** <http://www.pbs.org/wgbh/masterpiece/olivertwist/dickens_timeline_text.html>

1. What was the date of Charles Dickens’ birth?

1. How old was Dickens when the family moved to London, England?
2. Why did Dickens quit school?
3. How old was Dickens when he began working?
4. Where did he work?

1. What was Dickens doing right before he died?

1. What famous story did Dickens write in 1843?

**Go to:**  <http://www.english.uwosh.edu/roth/VictorianEngland.htm>

Dickens lived during the Victorian age.

1. When did the Victorian age end?

 9. Who was queen during this time period?

10. What revolution occurred during the Victorian Age?

**11. Keep scrolling down the page until you see “MONEY**.”  List the three types of money used in England during this time.

A.

B.

C.

**12. A little further down, you’ll notice “DISEASES.”** Please list and define three major diseases during Dicken’s time.

A.     \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_:

B.      \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_:

C.     \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_:

**Go to and tour a Victorian home:**

[**http://logicmgmt.com/1876/house\_tour/ourhouse.htm**](http://logicmgmt.com/1876/house_tour/ourhouse.htm)

13.  Jot down your observations about housing.

**Go to:**  <http://www.victorianweb.org/history/poorlaw/dietwh.html>

14.   Workhouses were built to house poor Victorians, who worked for a small amount of food and money.  Name five foods that poor Victorians were given here.

A.

B.

C.

D.

E.

**Go to:** <http://www.logicmgmt.com/1876/schoolday.htm>

15.    Please read the list of rules, which were found in a typical Victorian classroom.  In your opinion, which rules should still be used in schools today?  Explain why.

**Go to:** <http://charlesdickenspage.com/reading_dickens.html>

16.   In the nineteenth century, who read Dickens?

17.   Why, as we read Dickens today, is it challenging?

**Go to:** <http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Charles_Dickens>

1. Dickens married Catherine Thompson Hogarth in 1836.  How many children did they have?

1. Dickens wrote 20 major novels during his lifetime.  Please write down four of them; they should match up with the dates I’ve listed.

1837-39:

1849-50:

1859:

1860-61:

**Go to:** <http://www.mytimemachine.co.uk/dickens.htm>

1. What major event happened in 1865?

1. Exactly five years later, what major event happened, and what was the date?

If you are finished with these questions, and there is still class time left, you have two options:

A.  [http://www.bbc.co.uk/schools/victorians/](http://www.bbc.co.uk/schools/victorians/flash/start_flash.shtml)   This is a great website about Victorian children.  Click on “learning” under one of these categories: work, school, play.  After you watch a short video, play the game.

B.  <http://www.victorians.org.uk/>  This cool website offers real products/toys/writing, etc.  from the Victorian era.  On the left side of the screen, click on “Etoys.”  Play the games on this screen.  Or, you can click on “Day in the Life.”  Here, you can read journal entries from typical Victorian days.

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