



The
**EVERTON
COLLECTION**
Schools & Learning

History – Key Stage 2
Football and the Victorians





Overview

This resource has been created for students studying history at Key Stage 2. It is particularly useful for pupils studying the Victorians or carrying out a local history study. Pupils explore original source material from the Everton Collection to try and answer the question, 'why did football become so popular in the Victorian times?' There are also activities that develop key historical enquiry skills.

National Curriculum links

History - QCA Unit 12 - How did life change in our locality in Victorian times? QCA Unit 18 - What was it like to live here in the past? Knowledge, skills and understanding - 1a, 2a, 2b, 4a, 4b, 5.

Learning Objectives

- To develop a sense of chronology
- To explore what football can teach us about the characteristic features of the Victorian period
- To make comparisons to illustrate change in the Victorian period
- To understand how changes in society such as the railways and industry had an impact on football in the Victorian period.

Introduction

Today you are going to try and answer the question:

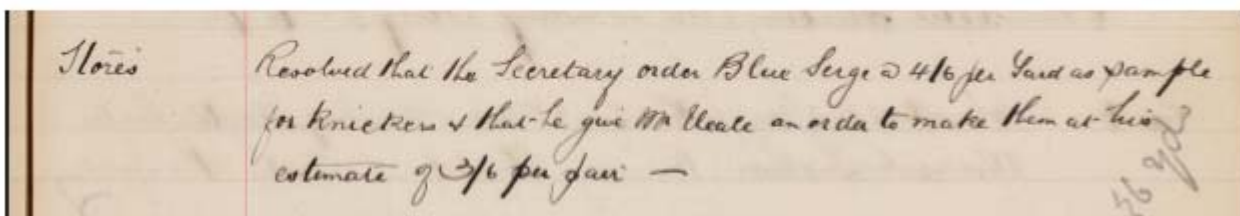
Why did football become so popular in Victorian times?

What did footballers look like in Victorian times?



This photograph of the Everton F.C. was taken in 1891.

In Victorian times, football shorts were called knickers! We know this by looking at evidence from the past. This page has been taken from a minute book written in the 19th Century. Can you read it? Write down what you think it says.

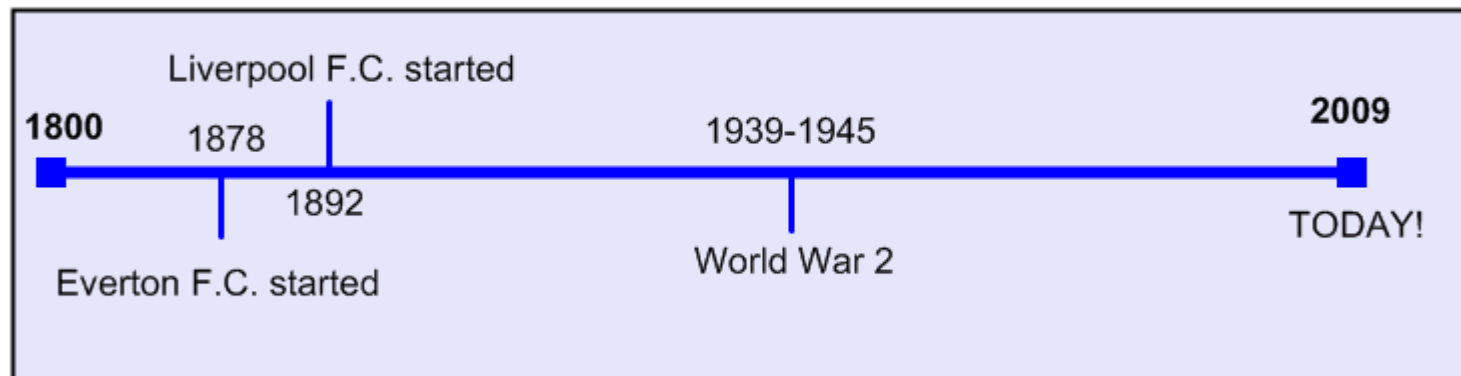


When did football clubs in Liverpool start?

Timelines show us when important events happened in the past.

Look at the timeline below. Can you see when Everton and Liverpool Football Clubs started?

They were started by the Victorians and today you are going to find out why.



Why did football become so popular in Victorian times?

To answer this question you need to find out what life was like in Victorian Liverpool.

Look at these photographs of Victorian Liverpool, they will give you clues about what life was like in the past.

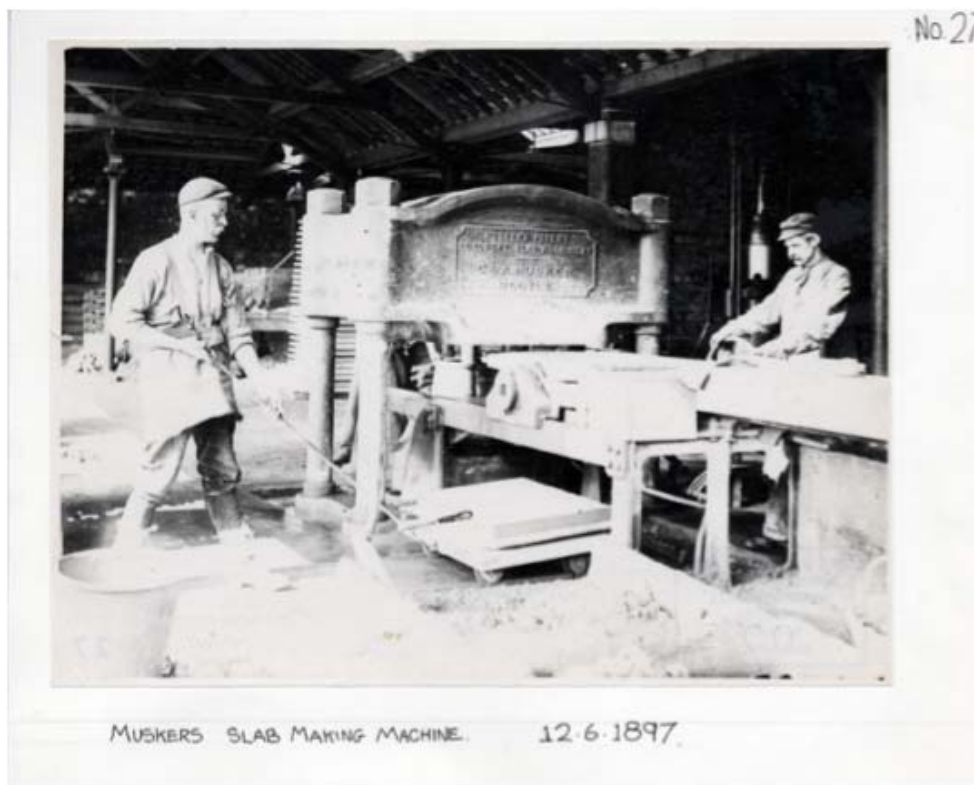


In this photograph you can see Lord Street in Liverpool in 1899. In Victorian times Liverpool was a busy and successful place. There were lots of people looking for entertainment that did not cost too much money.

Industry in Liverpool

There were many important industries in Liverpool and lots of people came to live and work in the city.

What do you think is happening in these photographs? What do you think it would have been like to do this kind of work? Discuss your ideas with a partner.



**Concrete
manufacturing - men
making slabs in 1897.**



In this photograph you can see men building docks in 1901. The docks brought lots of money and jobs to Liverpool. People who had a job had more money to spend on going out and doing fun activities like watching football.

Discussion

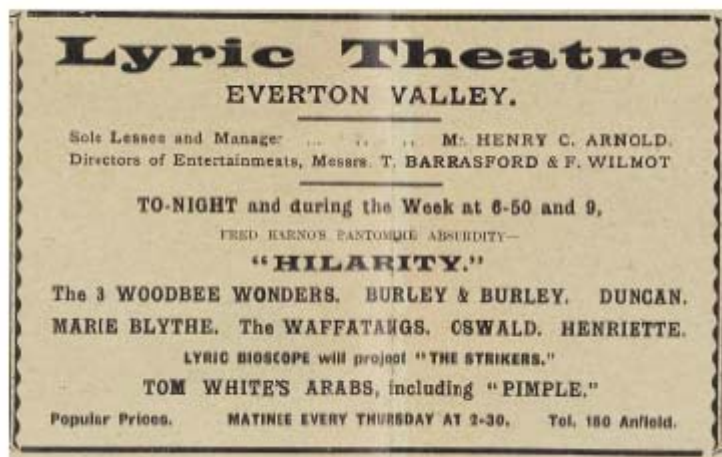
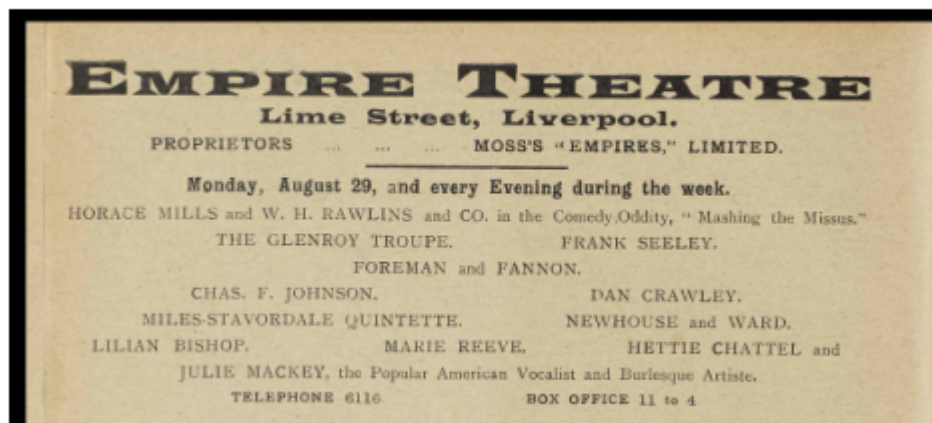
In 1850 the government made a law that said that working people had to finish work at 2 o'clock in the afternoon on Saturdays. This was called the Factory Act. Go back to your timeline and add the Factory Act onto it.

Why do you think this made football more popular? Discuss this with a partner and write your ideas here.

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What else did the Victorians do in their spare time?

Look at these posters. What are they advertising? What do they tell us about the types of activities that the Victorians liked to do? .



Write your ideas here....



Travelling to the match

Why do you think better transport would make more people watch football? Take a look at these photographs – they might give you some clues!

Write your ideas here...



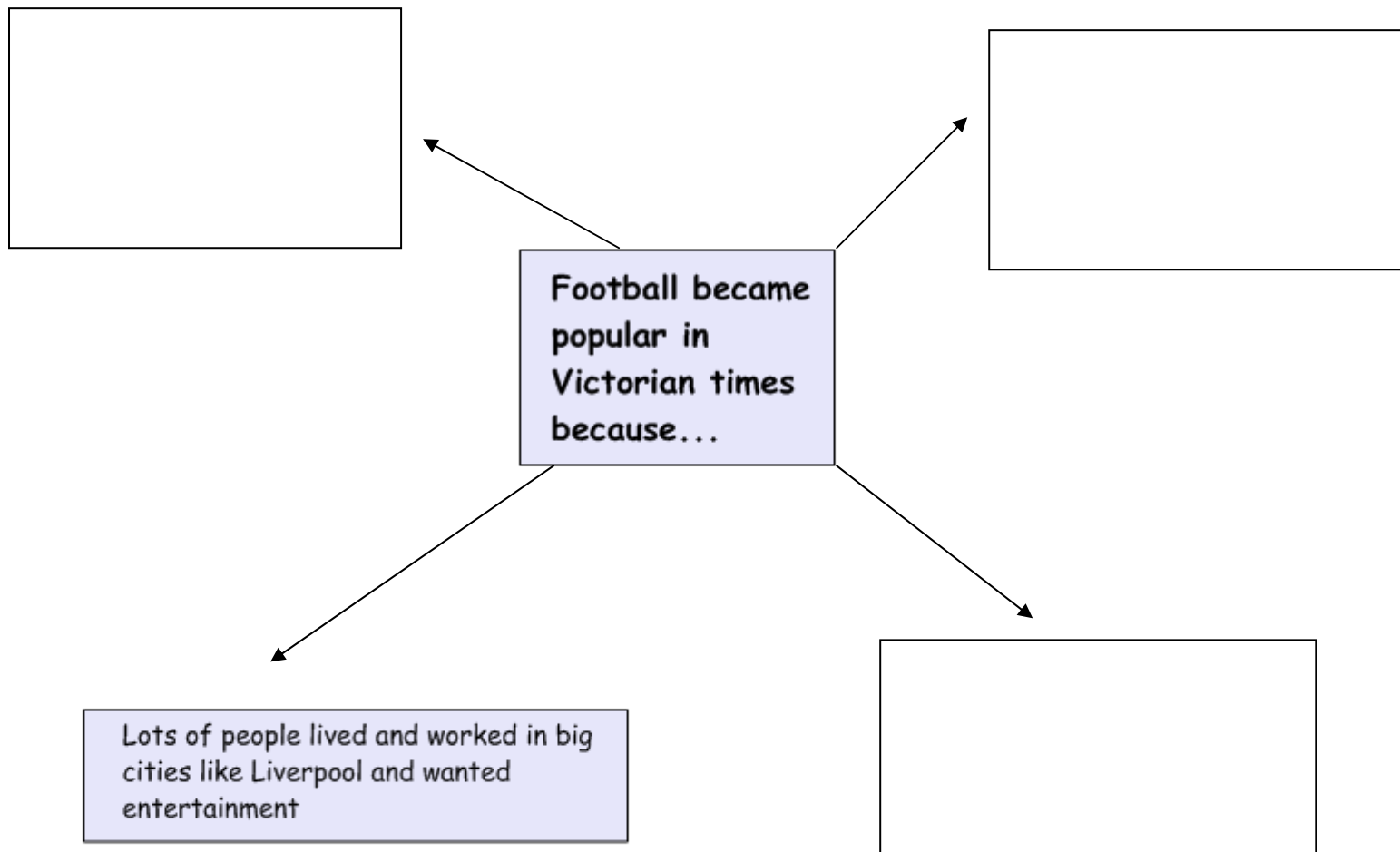
Horse drawn trams started running in Liverpool in 1869.



In the Victorian period train travel gave became more popular.

What have we learnt so far?

A good way of understanding why something happened in the past is creating a mind map. Try and think of three reasons why football became popular in the Victorian times and add them to the boxes on the mind map below. One has already been done for you!



Building Football Stadiums

As football became more popular the Victorians had to build bigger and better stadiums.



Everton used to play on Stanley Park, which you can see in this picture. In 1892 they built a new stadium at Goodison Park.



This is a photograph of the new stadium at Goodison Park

What are the differences between the two stadiums? Do you think more people would come to watch football in a stadium? Why do you think this?

Write your ideas here...

Go back to your mind map.

Could you add another reason? As a class have a discussion about which of these reasons was the most important.



Congratulations!

You have answered the question....

Why did football become so popular in Victorian times?



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