

Lesson 2:

Enquiry 5: Resources

Victorian occupations can be confusing!

Below are some of the occupations from the database that you might not have heard of. Can you match the occupation on the left with the correct definition on the right? **Teachers: The sheet is fixed correctly for your information.**

The definition column needs cutting up and jumbling for students.

Occupation	Definition
Annuitant	Pensioner
Charwoman	Cleans people's houses
Cloth fettler	Cleans machinery in mills, removing grease, fluff, etc.
Coach and fly proprietor	Runs a bus service
Confectioner	Makes sweets and cakes
Cotton winder	Operates a spinning machine in a cotton factory
Dramatist	Someone who writes plays
Draper	Sells fabrics and cloths
Forge bolter	A type of blacksmith
Hosier	Makes stockings
Independent means	Doesn't need to work; got lots of money
Milliner	Hat maker
Packer	Gets goods ready to send out of a factory
Pattern setter	Gets things ready for lace makers to make fancy lace
Philanthropist	Gives money to charities
Physician	Doctor
Quartermaster	Organises food and supplies for the army
Ran a wool depository	A warehouse for wool, ready to sell to the public
Recitation	Carries out public readings and performances
Ran a penny savings bank	Owns a bank where ordinary people can save very small amounts of money each week
Ship broker	Organises cargoes for ships for import and export
Smallwares dealer	Sells tapes, ribbons, buttons and similar

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Source

Nearly half of all women in work were employed as domestic servants.
Most maids worked alone, or possibly with a cook, in a family household.

The duties of a maid of all work being multifarious, it is necessary that she should arise early in the morning; and six or half-past six o'clock is the latest period at which she should remain in bed. She should first light the kitchen fire, and set the kettle over to boil; then she should sweep, dust, and prepare the room in which breakfast is to be taken. Having served the breakfast, she should, while the family are engaged upon that meal, proceed to the various bedchambers, strip the beds, open the windows, &c. This done, she will obtain her own breakfast, and after washing and putting away the things, she will again go upstairs, and finish what remains to be done there.

As the family will in all probability dine early, she must now set about the preliminaries for the dinner, making up the fire, preparing the vegetables, &c. After the dinner is cleared away, and the things washed and put by in their places, she must clean the kitchen; and this done, she is at liberty to attend to her own personal appearance, to wash and dress herself, &c. By this time the preparation for tea will have to be thought of, and this being duly served and cleared away, she must employ herself in needlework in connection with the household, or should there happen to be none requiring to be done, she may embrace this opportunity to attend to her own personal necessities. Supper has then to be attended to; and this finished, the maid of all work should take the chamber candlesticks, hot water, &c., into the sitting-room, and retire to rest as soon as her mistress or the regulation of the establishment will permit her.

From *The Dictionary of Daily Wants* – 1858–59

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Card sort

The Ladies of Langham Place	Fight against the Contagious Diseases Act
Society for Promoting the Employment of Women	Female Middle Class Emigration Society
Improvements in education	Improvements in medicine
Improved rights for married women to get a divorce, to own property, to have custody of their children	The Match Girls' successful strike
Fight for the vote	

not effective

quite effective

very effective

Lesson 5: Timeline 1790–1930

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1790 1800 1810 1820 1830 1840 1850 1860 1870 1880 1890 1900 1910 1920 1930

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Timeline 1790–1930

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My key conclusions from the lesson						
Ways women were divided						
Ways women were united						
Progress made by women						
Steps backward by women						
Any changes I want to make to my previous conclusions						