Before Reading “Do Now”

Collins Type 1 Writing-- Imagine you are living during the late 1800’s in London, England. How different would it be from your life today? Take some time to write down some of the differences. You can make corrections to your guesses as we investigate this time period.

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Step 2: Dickens Webquest-- Now, you will complete this Webquest with your desk partner. Please use time wisely and be as thorough and complete as possible. We will share responses upon completion, and I will collect this for a grade. Do NOT “Google” words and phrases; use the links I have provided!

Charles Dickens is said to be one of the greatest writers that has ever lived.  Before we read “A Christmas Carol”, 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.  Have fun!

**Please begin by clicking on the following link:** [PBS Dickens](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?

1. What was happening here in the US during Dickens’ later life?

1. What famous story did Dickens write in 1843?

**Go to:**[**Dickens’ London**](http://charlesdickenspage.com/dickens_london_map.html)**;** Here, you’ll find a map of London-as it was during Dickens’ lifetime.  Please locate and click on **Camden Town**.

1. Which family from A Christmas Carol lived in Camden Town?

**Go to:**  [Victorian England](http://www.victorianchildren.org/victorian-houses-how-victorians-lived/). Dickens lived during the Victorian era.  Read about the differences between the rich and the poor during this period.

1. Summarize what it was like to live as a “poor person” during this time period in your own words—5 bullet points minimum

**Go to:** [**You tube**](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0SI6CMxVF0M) **to view a short video about “Lockwood Mansion”, a Pennsylvania Victorian-inspired home.**

7.  Jot down your observations about housing. List at least 5 interesting facts:

Next, Go to: [Victorian Era Diseases](http://www.bbcamerica.com/anglophenia/2013/04/five-horrible-diseases-you-might-have-caught-in-victorian-england): The living conditions were pretty deplorable for many of the people during this time period.

8. Please list and give your OWN description for three major diseases during Dickens’s time.

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

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

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

**Go to:**  [Victorian Web- Poor Law](http://www.victorianweb.org/history/poorlaw/dietwh.html)

9.   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:** [**Victorian School Day**](http://www.logicmgmt.com/1876/schoolday.htm) **, a**nd answer the following:

10.    Please read the list of 10 rules that was found in a typical Victorian classroom.  In your opinion, which 3 rules should still be used in schools today?  Explain why.

**Go to:** [Charles Dickens Page](http://charlesdickenspage.com/reading_dickens.html), and answer the following:

11.   In the nineteenth century, who read Dickens?

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

**Go to:** [Charles Dickens Wikipedia page](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Charles_Dickens), and answer the following:

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

14. 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:** [**Dickens time line**](http://www.pbs.org/wgbh/masterpiece/olivertwist/dickens_timeline_text.html) to find out:

15. What major US event happened in 1865?

**Go to:** [Google Image Search: Charles](http://images.google.com/images?hl=en&q=charles+dickens&btnG=Search+Images)

16. Choose **one** image of Charles Dickens and print it off. Describe his appearance in your own words. From what period in his life do you believe this photo is? Why?

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

A. [Victorian Schools](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, and play.  After you watch a short video, play the game.

B.  [Victorians UK](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.