



LIVING IN THE PAST

VICTORIAN CHILDREN AT WORK

During Victorian times silhouettes were popular and a way for people to have a portrait made. You would often find silhouettes in the family home or tucked into bibles.

Let's get creative, making a fantastic Victorian inspired silhouette, which will also teach about light and shadow.

What You Need: A torch, A3/ A4 paper (or card), white and another colour, A3/ A4 card, a pencil, tape and someone to help trace your silhouette.

What You Do:

- * Tape a piece of white paper to the wall in a dark room.
- * Shine your torch light at the white paper.
- * Sit or stand between the light and the paper so that your profile appears on the paper.
- * Now you will need someone to trace around your silhouette onto the paper. You will need to sit still! Make sure your lines are smooth whilst tracing.
- * Next, cut your silhouette profile out of the paper, this will be your template.
- * Position your silhouette template onto your other piece of paper, draw around it and cut it out. The example below has been made using white paper, if you have black paper at home use this, otherwise white works perfectly well on a dark card background.
- * Glue your silhouette onto a piece of card, make sure you line it up as best as possible.
- * Add your name and date to the work.
- * You could add more than one silhouette and create a family portrait! Or what about making silhouettes of other items in your home. You can see a super hero toy, wild life and a dinosaur example below.

