




# English Knowledge Organiser Y8 Spring 2 Taking a Stand and Victorian Childhood

Key Word	Definition
<b>Allusion</b>	A reference to something well-known (like a book, event, or person) to make a point clearer.
<b>Anaphora</b>	A reference to something well-known (like a book, event, or person) to make a point clearer.
<b>Pathos</b>	A technique that appeals to the audience's emotions to make them feel sympathy or anger.
<b>Ethos</b>	A way of convincing people by showing that the speaker is trustworthy or has authority.
<b>Irony</b>	Saying one thing but meaning another, often to criticize or add humour.
<b>Industrialisation</b>	The growth of factories and machines, which changed how and where people (including children) worked.
<b>Moral Reform</b>	Efforts by Victorians to improve children's behaviour and values through strict rules and religion.
<b>Child Labour</b>	When children were made to work long hours, often in dangerous conditions, for little pay.
<b>Philanthropy</b>	Acts of kindness or charity by wealthy Victorians who tried to improve life for poor children.
<b>Institutionalisation</b>	When children were raised in large organisations like orphanages instead of by families.

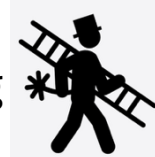
<b>ETHOS</b> <i>Credibility</i> 	<b>PATHOS</b> <i>Emotion</i> 	<b>LOGOS</b> <i>Logic</i> 
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## Children at Work in the Victorian era:

- With increased demand for work during the Victorian era and Industrial Revolution, there came more and more demanding roles for children to fulfil.
- Many were used as cheap labour.
- They worked long hours and were often treated badly.
- Children started work as young as four or five years old.
- Young children could not earn much.
- Children worked to support their families
- Work was mainly done by children in factories as they were cheaper to pay than adults
- Children had no rights in the workplace to protect them from harmful practices.



Wider Reading to get to Greater Depth:



# Themes in The Chimney Sweeper

## Innocence and Experience

When my mother died I was very young,  
 And my father sold me while yet my tongue  
 Could scarcely cry 'weep! 'weep! 'weep! 'weep!  
 So your chimneys I sweep & in soot I sleep.

## Exploitation and Social Critique

A little black thing among the snow,  
 Crying 'weep! 'weep!' in notes of woe!  
 'Where are thy father and mother?' say?'  
 'They are both gone up to the church to pray.

## Hope and Despair

And by came an Angel who had a bright key,  
 And he open'd the coffins & set them all free;  
 Then down a green plain leaping laughing  
 they run,  
 And wash in a river and shine in the Sun.

## The Corruption of Childhood

Because I was happy upon the heath,  
 And smiled among the winter's snow,  
 They clothed me in the clothes of death,  
 And taught me to sing the notes of woe.