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LI: To write a biography about
an inspirational figure from
the Victorian era

Over the last few weeks we have looked at many different aspects of the Victorian era. We have learnt lots about the experiences of children during this time – most of these being rather negative due to them being poor.



Today, we are going to look at a very famous man and how his wonderful work changed the lives of many poor children during this period of history. Let's watch a video so that he can introduce himself:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=EEyvc9_BrKs&feature=emb_logo

To all who Love
the Children.



Believe in
children
 Barnardo's

Our history

We've kept our promise to protect children and young people for over 150 years



Thomas Barnardo at his desk

- Thomas John Barnardo was born in Dublin, Ireland, in 1845. As a young man he moved to London to train as a doctor. When he arrived, he was shocked to find children living in terrible conditions, with no access to education. Poverty and disease were so widespread that one in five children died before their fifth birthday. When a cholera epidemic swept through the East End, leaving 3000 people dead and many orphaned children, the young Barnardo felt an urgent need to help.
- His first step, in 1867, was to set up a 'ragged school' where children could get a free basic education. One evening a boy at the mission, Jim Jarvis, took Barnardo around the East End, showing him children sleeping on roofs and in gutters. What he saw affected him so deeply he decided to abandon his medical training and devote himself to helping children living in poverty.



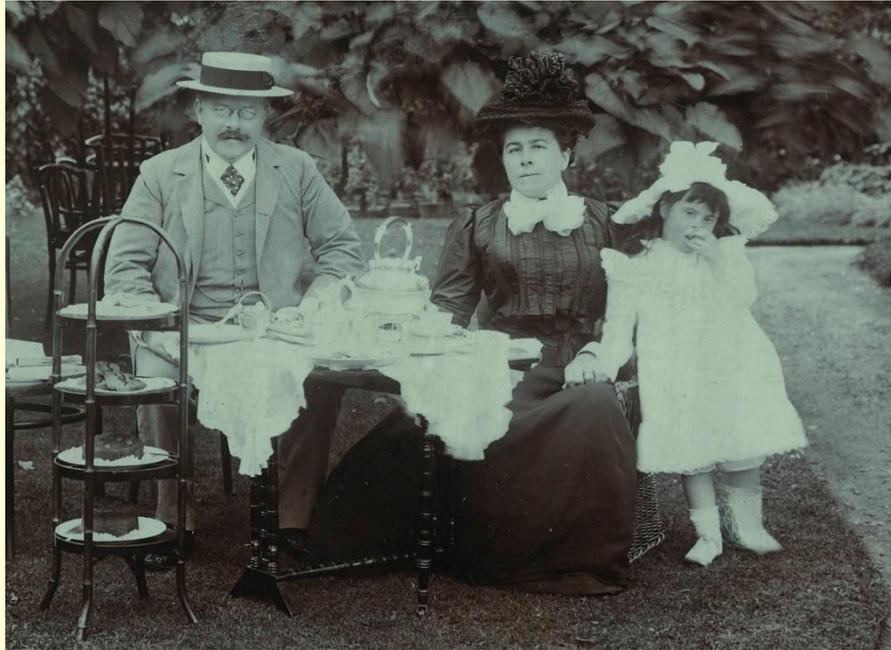
Barnardo's children in 1906

- **No child should be turned away**
- In 1870, Barnardo opened his first home for boys. As well as putting a roof over their heads, the home trained the boys in carpentry, metalwork and shoemaking, and found apprenticeships for them.
- To begin with, there was a limit to the number of boys who could stay there. But when an 11-year-old boy was found dead — of malnutrition and exposure — two days after being told the shelter was full, Barnardo vowed never to turn another child away.
- Barnardo's work was radical. The Victorians saw poverty as shameful, and the result of laziness or vice. But Barnardo refused to discriminate between the 'deserving' and 'undeserving' poor. He accepted all children, regardless of race, disability or circumstance.
- Barnardo believed that every child deserved the best possible start in life, whatever their background. This philosophy still guides the charity today.



Barkingside village in the 1900s

- In 1873 Barnardo married Syrie Louise Elmslie, who was to play an important role in the development of the charity. As a wedding present, they were given a lease on a 60-acre site in Barkingside, east London, where the couple opened a home for girls.
- Syrie was especially keen to support girls who had been driven to prostitution. Protecting children from sexual exploitation continues to be an important part of our work today.
- The Barnardos were early adopters of the 'cottage homes' model. They believed that children could be best supported if they were living in small, family-style groups looked after by a house 'mother'.
- By 1900 the Barkingside 'garden village' had 65 cottages, a school, a hospital and a church, and provided a home – and training – to 1500 girls.



Thomas with his wife and daughter

Caring for more and more children

- Barnardo went on to found many more children's homes. By the time he died in 1905, the charity had 96 homes caring for more than 8,500 vulnerable children. This included children with physical and learning difficulties. Barnardo's experience of caring for his daughter Marjorie, who had Down's syndrome, strongly influenced his approach to the care of disabled children.



- Today, the charity supports and protects children and young people facing a wide range of issues, from drug misuse to disability, from sexual abuse to domestic violence.
- But one thing has never changed: like the founder, Thomas Barnardo, the charity believes that with the right help, children can change their lives and achieve their potential.
- Over 150 years ago, Barnardo promised to support those children in need of help – regardless of their circumstances, gender, race, disability or behaviour; this promise is still honoured today.

Quotes

Thomas John Barnardo



The work to me is everything,
and I would throw every rule
overboard and send them to the
bottom of the sea tomorrow, if I
felt there were a more excellent
way.

AZ QUOTES

Only disaster can
follow divided
counsels and opposing
wills.

Thomas John Barnardo

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There can be only one Captain to a ship.

(Thomas John Barnardo)



Task

Today, you are going to write your biography on Thomas Barnardo. To help you, you may want to make some notes on him first; you can watch the video again, take information from the slides, use the fact sheet that has been uploaded separately or do some of your own further research on him.



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