

Chimney Sweeps

WALTs:

I can write some information about a Victorian Chimney Sweep.

Who is this?

What do we know?

What questions could we ask him?

What clues could help us infer information?



Know

Wonder

Infer



Wanted

Chimney Sweep apprentice

Must be small framed

Must be agile and able to get into small places

Small appetite

Not upset by the dark or narrow places

Good lungs needed

Strong muscles required

(Pay to be discussed)

Chimney Sweeps

- Orphans and homeless children were sold to employers to become chimney sweeps.
- This happened because children were cheap and they could not complain.
- Boys were forced up through the narrow, winding passages of chimneys in large houses in order to clean them.
- Children suffered many cuts, grazes and bruises on their knees, elbows and thighs. It was a dirty and dangerous job.
- In 1832, a law was introduced forbidding the use of boys for sweeping chimneys; unfortunately, we know that this law was ignored!



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