

**SHQ: How do I write in the style of a Victorian school pupil?**

You will have learnt some facts about Victorian schools during our Victorians project. School life was very different to what it is like now; teachers were notoriously strict and children were, as a result, usually very well behaved.

At Sketchley Hill, we use our well known 'Sketchley Script' style of handwriting.

In Victorian schools, Children started to learn to write using a slate - a sort of small blackboard - on which they wrote with a sharpened piece of slate called a slate pencil. Pupils brought a piece of sponge or a rag from home to clean the slate, or some just used their sleeve! They didn't have school books and endless supplies of handwriting pens and pencils in their classrooms.



Presentation was very important and all pupils had to write in a style called 'copperplate'. It is not easy to write in this way, and even more difficult if you can imagine not having a handwriting pen and paper to use!

Your task is to try some copperplate handwriting. On page 2 of this worksheet, you will see some letters and numbers which you can use to make sentences of your own.

Use the worksheet 11 resource to help you which is a specially designed copperplate guideline on which you can write your sentences. We think that you will find Sketchley Script a little easier to use!

