

Poor Children In Victorian Times

Chimney sweeping

A job that children could do better than adults was chimney sweeping. If the child was not going fast enough the master would light the fire and the child would have to go as quick as possible to not be burnt.



Factories

They used to put little boys, from the age of 5, under machines to fix them even while they were on. If you were tall for your age it would be a lot harder.

Coal mines

Other jobs included working down in coal mines. Coal was the main source for power in Victorian times. It was used for cooking and heating, and for driving machinery, trains and steam ships.



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