



# Victorian Child's Story Book



Name: Arthur Smith  
Age: 9 years  
Class: I don't have one  
Date: 12 January 1851

Me and My Community





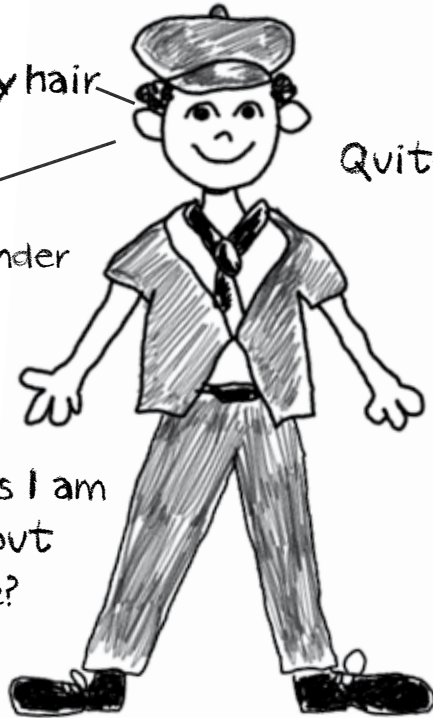
## Me in pictures:

Brown fuzzy hair

Big ears

[that I hide under my hat]

Quite tall



Mother says I am handsome, but I'm not sure?

## Me in three words:

Hardworking

Funny

Cheeky



## Interests

I work a lot or am at school but whenever I have time, I love playing with my friends.

## Activities

Climbing trees, playing football and dancing to music!



## Possessions

My marbles! They were such a special treat that my mother and father saved to buy me.

My favourite things

## Food

Plum pudding is my favourite special desert!



## My best achievement:

Getting a job at the factory and helping to give money to my parents.



## My family in pictures:

Me - I don't like having my photo taken!

John looking quite smart!

George being cheeky



Father

Mother

Catherine, not crying for once!

Victoria who I miss actually

Edward isn't here, he was at work

## My family members:

**Mary** - Mother, 30 years, she looks after us all at home, cooking cleaning and caring for us. But she works part-time as a cleaner too.

**William** - Father, 34 years, he works really hard as a builder. He used to work in the mines and his new job is much better.

**Edward** - Brother, 11 years, he works full-time and long hours in the same cotton factory as me. He always seems tired...

**Victoria** - Sister, 8 years, she lives away working as a servant and getting her education. She should come home soon I think...

**John** - Brother, 6 years, he is learning his three Rs 'Reading wRiting and aRithmetic' at the ragged school.

**George** - Brother, 4 years, he is just naughty and doesn't help at home enough!

**Catherine** - Sister, 6 months, she cries a lot!

**Alfred** - died at 2 months. We were all very sad.

## My favourite thing to do as a family:

Singing along to my father playing his fiddle!

We often talk about going to the beach one day! That will be amazing...



## My home in pictures:



## My favourite place at home:



Me



I have lived here for  a year.

I live here with .

My home has  rooms and  TVs

This is my favourite place because



### My education in pictures:



### My greatest achievement at school:



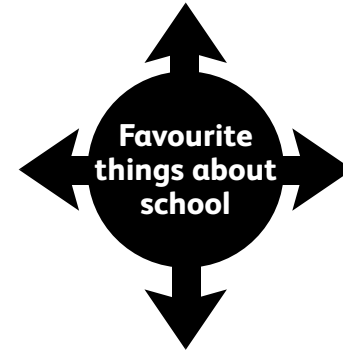


It gives me a break from working in the factory.

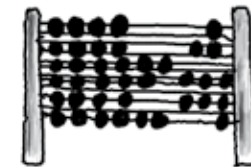


I like the older children who teach us.

Learning new things like woodwork that will help me get a better job.



Playing with the other children.





### My community in pictures:



The streets are my favourite place because it is where we all play when we aren't working.



The streets can be dirty and smelly because of the sewage so the park is probably the nicest environment.



There are lots of children in my community and we all play together.

### My community in three words:

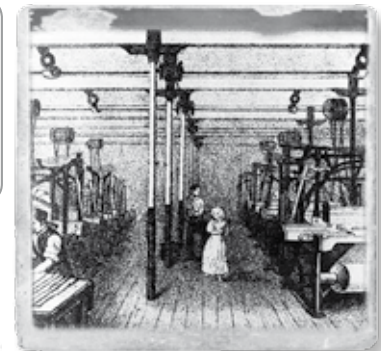
Fun

Smelly

Busy



I enjoy playing tag with friends and singing with street musicians.





### My travel to school:



### My favourite way to travel: Running!



But I would like to travel like this...



**My journey to school takes**

It's near to my home which is good

hours minutes **30**

**On my way to school I see**

lots of houses, people

selling in the streets, smelly sewage in the streets,

factories and I pass a park that I like to play in.

**This is my favourite way to travel because**

running is fun and gets you where you want to go

quickly. Most people walk but I see rich people on

trains and horse drawn buses and carts.