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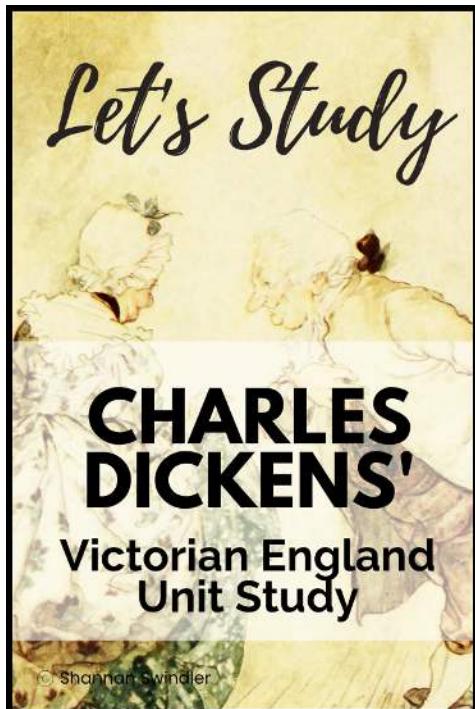
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Let's Study Charles Dickens & Victorian England

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Introduction

This study of the life of Charles Dickens and Victorian England uses portions of [the study guide](#) from the 2015-2016 repertory season, found on [A Noise Within](#), as well as a variety of other engaging and enjoyable resources.

Since you may (or may not be) reading a Dickens book before, during or after this study, the lessons have been set up as 'sessions'. Each session is complete. However, *if some sessions are omitted there may not be as much positive success with the final projects and assignments*. Regardless, you will enjoy learning about Charles Dickens' life and what it was like to live in Victorian England.

Dickens Literature Resources

Literature Study Resources for several of Dickens' works are located after the 'sessions'. Pick one and continue to enjoy the unique characters and stories only Charles Dickens could create.

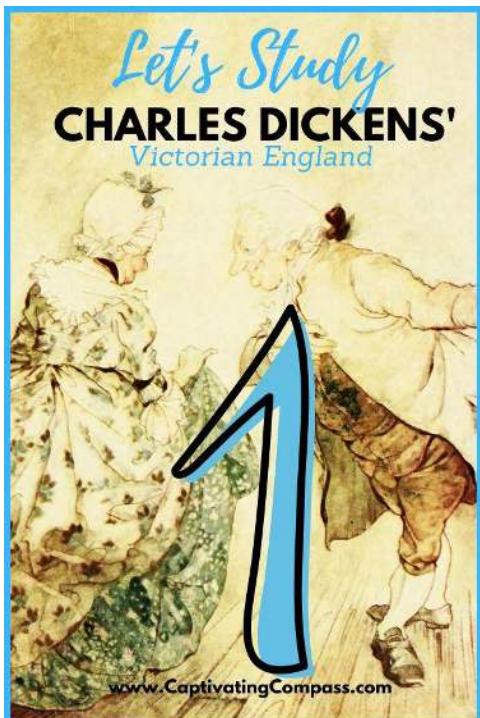
Companion Resources

Quotes & Copywork - This collection of famous quotes by Charles Dickens is a great companion to this Victorian Era study.

Dinner with Dickens & Other Famous Folks from the Mid-1800s - A fun project for the family or learning community to learn about many aspects of Victorian culture during the mid-1800s.

How to use this study.

It is recommended that your student create a digital file or keep a notebook journal for this unit study. Answer the questions in each session and print out anything needed to complete activities, quizzes or projects.



Session 1: Download and [read pages 7-9](#) (Charles Dickens Biography & Timeline)

Answer these questions in a digital document or notebook. They are based on the above reading:

1. What were the important developments that were happening during Dickens's time? How did these developments influence his writing?
2. Which social issues affected Dickens? How did he address them in his writing? Which social issues do you think Dickens would write about if he were alive today?

Notebook Projects:

1. Research the working conditions for children in Victorian times. Based on your findings, write a diary entry from the perspective of a working child in Victorian Britain.
2. Research what ways the expansion of the railway changed people's lives in Victorian Britain, covering topics such as travel,

communication, and industry. Write an essay based on their research findings.