

ACTIVITY 1 & 2: VICTORIAN HANDWRITING

YOU WILL NEED:

- A printer
- A4 paper
- A sharp pencil and rubber

INSTRUCTIONS

- Print off the handwriting activities.
- Using a sharp pencil, practice writing the letters and words in the activities by tracing over the copy.
- Next, try writing each word again freehand in the lined spaces below your first try.

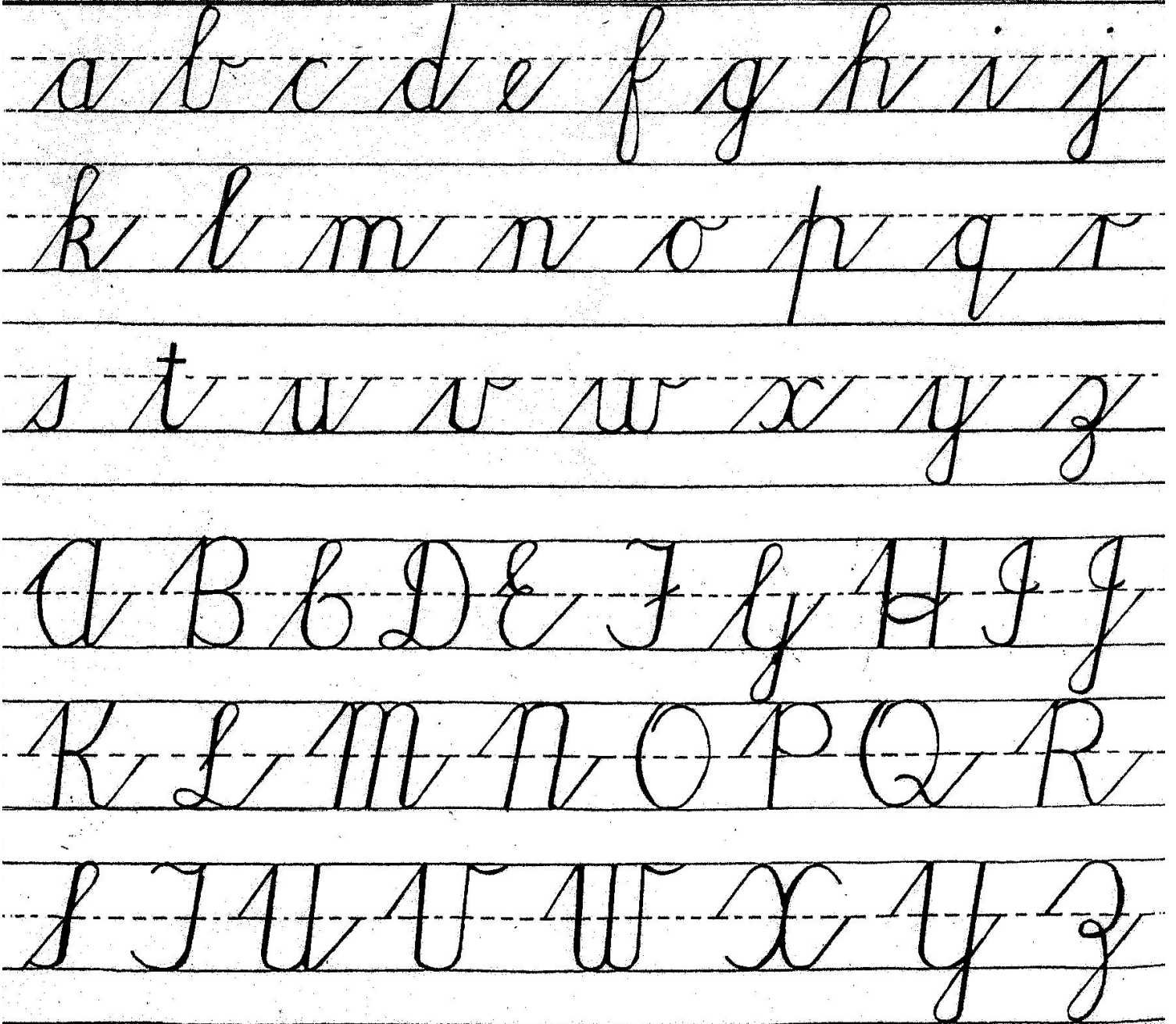
WHY WAS HANDWRITING IMPORTANT?

- Handwriting practice was an important part of the Victorian school day.
- Handwriting was taught in schools as writing a letter was the main way which Victorian people communicated to friends and family.
- Having perfect handwriting was also useful for boys as many 'good' jobs in Victorian times involved writing and record keeping.

WHAT DID THEY USE TO PRACTICE HANDWRITING?

- Pupils would practice their handwriting using a slate (a sort of small blackboard) and pencil also made from slate. When pupils had finished, their work would be rubbed off using a sponge or rag.
- When they were older, pupils could practice their handwriting in a lined note book using a dip pen and blue or black ink from an inkwell.

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ACTIVITY 2: VICTORIAN HANDWRITING

Too many cooks spoil the broth

Time and tide wait for no man.

<i>Least</i>	<i>said,</i>	<i>soonest</i>	<i>mended.</i>

<i>Little</i>	<i>wealth,</i>	<i>little</i>	<i>care.</i>

ACTIVITY 3: POSTCARD WRITING

ADDITIONAL ACTIVITIES

Did you enjoy the Victorian handwriting activity?
Why not try the following activities:

POSTCARD WRITING

Search for old Victorian postcards online. Name 3 different scenes or pictures you have found on the postcards.

1:

2:

3:

Use the template on the next page.

Cut it out neatly and using your best Victorian handwriting, write a postcard to a member of your family or friend. The subject of your postcard can be anything you like.

Finally, draw a picture or scene on the other side of your postcard.

ADDITIONAL ACTIVITY: PARAGRAPH OR POEM WRITING

Look online and find a Victorian poem or paragraph from a famous children's book from that era.

Next, using a ruler, draw some lines on a plain piece of paper then, using your best Victorian handwriting copy down your chosen paragraph or poem.

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