



I should already know:

- Life in modern day London
- The form of a novel

I will learn:

- Life in Victorian London; Victorian crime; the form of a novel; Bill Sikes, Fagin, the Artful Dodger, Oliver; morality
- Composing a topic sentence; the subject; subject / verb agreement; the past simple tense

Key Words

Word	Definition	Example
villains	A villain is a bad person in a story, who harms other people or breaks the law to get what they want.	The villain plotted to take over the world.
victims	A person who has come to feel helpless and passive in the face of misfortune or ill-treatment.	Oliver Twist was a victim.
vulnerable	If someone is vulnerable they are in a situation where they could be easily harmed.	All her friends had left her and she didn't know what to do. She felt so vulnerable.
corrupt	Someone is ' corrupt ' if they use their power in a dishonest or illegal way in order to make life better for themselves.	An English teacher says she would give a student a good grade if they gave her £20.00. The English teacher is corrupt.
naïve	Someone is naïve if they don't have experience of how complicated life can be and therefore trust people too much.	The naïve mouse sniffed at the cat's nose.
orphan	An orphan is a child whose parents are dead.	Oliver Twist is an orphan.
moral	A moral is a message that is conveyed or a lesson to be learned from a story or event.	The moral of Charles Dickens' novel Oliver Twist is to persevere in the face of adversity.



Greater Depth Challenge

- How might the reactions of modern readers be different to Victorian readers?
- Evaluate the importance of money in relation to how people are treated.

This will help in the future:

- Y8 study of Sherlock Holmes
- Y9 study of Jane Eyre
- GCSE English Literature Victorian novel study

Vocabulary I should already know:

- **Character, author, chapter, page, blurb**

Grammar I should already know:

- **SATs age related grammar**

Further Reading

Holes read in Y8
Harry Potter and the Philosopher's Stone read this year
Northern Lights
The Vile Victorians (Non fiction)

'Oliver Twist': Knowledge Organiser	Key words	Characters
Oliver is born in the workhouse. When he is a bit older he is nominated to ask for more food because the boys are starving.	morality – a code of right and wrong. People who try to be good can be called moral and people who do bad things can be called immoral .	Oliver He is a 'pale, thin' orphan who is treated badly by almost everyone he meets. He tries his best to be a good person and experiences 'horror and alarm' whenever he sees crimes being committed.
He is kicked out of the workhouse and given away to the Sowerberry family to be an undertaker's apprentice. He's bullied by Noah, they fight and he is locked up.	vulnerable – in a situation in which you could be easily harmed. People living on the streets are vulnerable .	Mr. Bumble The man who runs the workhouse and gives Oliver his name. He is 'a fat man' who enjoys power and doesn't care about the people beneath him.
Oliver runs away to London, meets Dodger and is introduced to Fagin's gang.	brutal – very violent or cruel.	Noah Claypole A 'malicious and ill-conditioned' boy who bullies Oliver at the undertakers. He eventually runs away to London and joins the same gang as Oliver.
Oliver is taken out with the gang and is horrified to see Dodger steal a gentleman's handkerchief. Oliver is wrongly arrested for the theft.	corrupt – a word used to describe a person who uses their power in a dishonest or illegal way in order to make life better for themselves.	Fagin An old man who runs the gang of pickpockets. He seems kind but his 'villainous-looking and repulsive face' reflects his selfish nature as he gets young boys to do his dirty work for him.
The gentleman, Mr. Brownlow, takes pity on Oliver and takes him in. The gang plot to get him back in case he reveals information about them.	villain – a 'baddie' who harms other people or breaks the law to get what they want.	Jack Dawkins (The Artful Dodger) A young boy who introduces Oliver to Fagin's gang who has 'all the airs and manners of a man'. He's confident and cunning.
Oliver is abducted by the gang whilst running an errand for Mr. Brownlow.	malicious – meant to hurt or upset someone.	Bill Sikes A 'rough man' who has been a criminal for many years. He beats his dog viciously and brutally kills his girlfriend, Nancy.
Oliver is used by Sikes in a burglary. They fail and Sikes runs away. Oliver is left behind but the people who live there feel sorry for him and look after him. They are called Fred and Rose Maylie.	victim – someone who has been harmed, often by other people.	Nancy Bill's girlfriend who risks her life to help Oliver escape from the gang. She loves Bill even though he treats her abusively and she feels guilty about the life of crime she has led.
When Bill and Fagin realise what has happened, they plot to catch Oliver again. Nancy overhears and visits Mr. Brownlow to warn him.	naïve – If someone is naïve if they don't have experience of how complicated life can be and therefore trust people too much.	Mr. Brownlow A wealthy older gentleman who takes Oliver in and looks after him. He believes in Oliver's goodness even when it looks like Oliver has stolen from him and eventually finds out the truth about Oliver's parents.
Fagin tells Bill about Nancy's betrayal and Bill murders her. Fagin is discovered and sent to prison and Bill dies trying to run away.	society – the people who live in a certain area. This could be a country, town or small group.	
Oliver discovers who his parents were and joins Mr. Brownlow and the Maylies to live happily ever after.	workhouse – a place where people who couldn't support themselves were sent to live and work.	
	Background information	
	'Oliver Twist' was written in 1837-39.	
	It was written by Charles Dickens.	
	It was published chapter by chapter in a periodical (magazine).	
	Charles Dickens had to work in harsh conditions as a child when his father was sent to prison.	
	Dickens wanted to criticise a new change to The Poor Law which happened in 1834 and created more workhouses and show how hard life was for poor people.	

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He is kicked out of		
He's bullied by	brutal –	Noah Claypole A 'malicious and ill-conditioned' boy who
Oliver runs away	corrupt –	
Oliver is taken	villain –	Fagin An old man who
Oliver is wrongly	malicious –	
The gentleman, Mr. Brownlow,	victim –	Jack Dawkins (The Artful Dodger) A young boy who
The gang	naïve –	
Oliver is	society –	Bill Sikes A 'rough man' who
Oliver is They Oliver is They are called	workhouse –	
When Bill and Fagin realise what has happened,	Background information	
Nancy	'Oliver Twist' was written in	Nancy Bill's girlfriend who
Fagin tells	It was written by.	
Fagin	In was published	Mr. Brownlow A wealthy gentleman who
Oliver discovers	Charles Dickens had to	
	Dickens wanted to	