A Victorian Christmas
**Introductory Information**

Is your family ready to travel to the Victorian period and celebrate the end of the unit with a Victorian Christmas party? Throughout this study we will be concentrating on Victorian crafts and traditions and researching where many of our Christmas traditions originated from. Did you know that decorating a Christmas tree originated in Victorian Times? Or how about Christmas Caroling? Have you ever wondered what exactly Figgy Pudding is or what it tastes like? Well you will be making an easy recipe to try out and many more projects with this study!

**A Curriculum that fits YOUR Family!**

I have created this curriculum with many different learning styles as my children have different learning styles (hands on, research and open ended projects/assignments, note booking style, literature, and visual with movies). With those things in mind, choose whatever projects and activities that your children will enjoy, don’t feel like you need to complete them all, adjust this unit study around what works for you and your family!

In addition, I have included many movies, with ratings, and many books that go along with the Victorian time period. Please keep in mind that what one family thinks is ok to watch or read, may be different from what another family thinks is ok. Please check the reviews yourself before making a decision. I have linked all the additional books to Amazon so that you may read the descriptions and the reviews. If you have a great library system, you should be able to find many of the books through your local library. For movie/DVD reviews, you can use this site… http://www.commonsensemedia.org/video/movie-reviews/dvd

There are also links to crafts or projects. I have tried to use well known, main websites but please check the links before you begin to make sure they are working properly beforehand.
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## Silhouettes

**Supplies:**
- lamp or flashlight
- pencil
- sheet of white paper
- tape
- a chair
- second person to draw your silhouette
**Directions:**
Gather your supplies and place your chair in front of the wall.

Have your child sit in the chair and position the flashlight or lamp so it casts a shadow of your student on the wall. Tape your sheet of paper to the wall where the shadow is cast. Now you will begin to trace the shadow outline of your child.

Once you have completed the outline, you may color the “shadow” in black with paint, marker, or crayon. Or you can cut out the outline and trace it onto a sheet of black construction paper.

*TIP* It will be easier to see the shadow if you do this in a darker room.
Victorian Letters

Supplies:
- light or heavy cardboard (we used a cereal box in the photos)
- scissors
- markers or paint
- lace, stickers, artificial flowers, scrapbook paper, construction paper, or Victorian style wrapping paper, and any other trinkets
- glue

Directions:
Cut your cardboard into the shape of the first letter of your name or any letter of your choice. Decorate by gluing your items onto the letter. You can start by first gluing some sort of paper (scrapbook, construction, or wrapping paper) onto the letter and then gluing your other items onto that.

TIP: If you'd like you can also purchase a paper mache letter at your local craft store and use that as a base rather than the cardboard.

Pomanders

Supplies:
- whole cloves
- lemon or orange
- ribbon
- needle or skewering/kabob stick

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Directions:
To make the cloves go in a little easier and not break, poke holes with a needle or skewering stick into the lemon or orange where you would like your clove to go. Once you've created the hole, push in your clove.
You can randomly do this or create a pattern with your cloves. Once done, tie ribbon around it and hang on a Christmas tree or hang in your closet as the Victorians did!

Additional Activities
Try your hand at different, creative types of Silhouettes…
Silhouette Garland
Sunset Silhouettes
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Books

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