

When would you rather live?

- Imagine you have to travel back in time to live in a different era.
- Review the timeline below.
- Circle a point in time, when you would most rather live.



1562:

Britain began its slave trade in Africa.



Pre-1870:

Most poor children never went to school and grew up unable to read or write. Instead they were forced to work for very long hours with little breaks.



1837-1901:

During Queen Victoria's reign many poorer women had to look after the home, husband, children and work but were barred from all well-paid jobs.

Pre-1861:

There was a death penalty for homosexuality! This was removed but male homosexuality remained illegal until 1967 and gay men could be imprisoned up to that time.



1913:

The Mental Deficiency Act legalised the detention of mentally ill individuals and categorised them as idiots, imbeciles, feeble minded and moral defectives.

Pre-1918:

Women did not have the right to vote! Women who campaigned for the right to vote and were arrested, refused to eat and went on a hunger strike!



1960's:

It was not uncommon to see signs in Britain saying, "No blacks, no Irish, no dogs".



Why have you selected this time?