



Introduction - What the writing is about, terrible punishments, how some people were punished less severely, how reformers changed peoples's views

Paragraph 1 - The Victorians received harsh punishments

Paragraph 2 - Not all criminals were punished harshly

Paragraph 3 - The influence of the reformers (Fry, Barnardo, Shaftesbury)

Conclusion - Given the two interpretations what do you decide?

Introduction

In our essay we are going to examine the Victorian attitude to crime and punishment.

(Carefully explain the popular Horrible History view and then explain what the class essay is going to discuss.)

→The popular view of Victorian attitudes towards crime and punishment can be found in Horrible Histories. For example...

(Explain what you would think about the Victorians if you only read this book. Then give examples that back up this idea that the Victorians were very harsh.)

→However, despite what some people think about the Victorians there is another side to crime and punishment during this period. For example...

(Find some examples that show Victorians were not as harsh as some people think and explain them.)

→There were also a number of Victorians whose attitude towards crime and punishment was different from what you might expect. For example...

(Your work on Elizabeth Fry and Dr. Bernardo will help you. Explain their attitudes and back it up with examples of their work.)

Conclusion

Our essay has examined the popular view of Victorians. This is...

(Briefly explain in your own words.)

Not all the evidence supports this view. For example...

(Explain two examples.)

There were also Victorians...

(Briefly discuss the work of Elizabeth Fry and Dr. Bernardo)

In conclusion, we believe the Victorian attitude to crime and punishment...

(Explain your view now you have looked at more evidence.)