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**Directions**: Charles Dickens is said to be one of the greatest writers of all time.  Before we read *A Christmas Carol,* I would like you to spend some time getting to know this man and learning what the world was like as he knew it.  Please log on to <http://steadenglishclass.weebly.com/> (click on the British Literature tab) to access the links for the following questions and prompts. As you move through the WebQuest, please notice that the arrows point to further instructions.

1. **Charles John Huffam Dickens**

**Go to:** http://www.victorianweb.org/authors/dickens/dickensbio1.html

Read the biography on Dickens and answer the following questions.

1. When was Dickens born (Day/Month/Year)?
2. What were the names of Dickens’ parents?
3. Where did his father work and why was he imprisoned?
4. Where was young Charles put to work when his family was imprisoned?
5. What was Dickens doing between 1824 and 1827?
6. Where did Dickens find employment at age 15?
7. Where had Dickens become a very successful shorthand reporter?
8. What famous pseudonym (false name) did Dickens adopt?
9. Who did Dickens marry on April 2, 1836? What was their first son’s name, and how many children did they have together?
10. Name two countries that the Dickens family toured together.
11. What play did Dickens's theatrical company perform for the Queen? What was the name of the young actress Dickens fell in love with?
12. What event happened in 1865 that disturbed Dickens greatly?
13. Where did Dickens' final public readings take place in 1870?
14. When (day/month/year) and how did Dickens die? What had he been working on before he died?
15. Where was Dickens buried?
16. **Charles Dickens’ Works**

**Go to**: http://www.victorianweb.org/authors/dickens/works.html

List four other pieces of literature that Dickens wrote.

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1. **Dickens’ London**

**Go to:**http://charlesdickenspage.com/dickens\_london\_map.html

Here, you’ll find a map of London-as it was during Dickens’ lifetime.  Please locate and click on **Camden Town**...

1. What street did the Dickens family live on? Which family from *A Christmas Carol* lived in Camden Town?

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1. **Dickens lived during the Victorian era**

**Go to**: http://www.english.uwosh.edu/roth/VictorianEngland.htm

Read the first 7 paragraphs of the webpage (until you get to QUEEN VICTORIA).

1. On a separate piece of lined paper, summarize this time period in one paragraph (at least 6 sentences) considering science, technology, religion, politics, society, literature.
2. **Victorian Education**

**Go to:** http://www.logicmgmt.com/1876/schoolday.htm

 Please read the list of 10 rules, which were found in a typical Victorian classroom.

1. What rule do you think would have been the hardest to follow? Which rules do you think should still be used in schools today?  Explain why.

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1. **Extra Activities-**If you complete your WebQuest before the bell, you have two options…
2. http://www.bbc.co.uk/schools/victorians/flash/start\_flash.shtml

This is a great website about Victorian children.  Click on “learning” under one of these categories: work, school, play.  After you watch a short video, play the game.

1. http://www.bbc.co.uk/arts/multimedia/dickens/

“Dare you take a tour of Dickensian London? You could meet Mr Micawber, Mr Pickwick or Fagin. Or you might catch smallpox and end up in jail. If you do well, you'll get to meet Charles Dickens.”

Some info. and links found at http://www.desoto.k12.wi.us/srit/reading\_8\_files/CDWebquest.htm