



PROVOST SKENE'S HOUSE / VICTORIAN ROOM

The Victorians had a great love of decoration and ornament. They liked to make their furniture and living rooms look very important and very beautiful. Very shiny surfaces were used and many items of furniture had flowers or fruit as decoration. The Victorian Age (1837 - 1901) was the age of the craftsman and this room has many fine examples of their work. Look very carefully at the different objects in the room and try to answer the questions printed below.

Use a separate piece of paper for your answers.

1. Pretend that you could cook a meal for a Victorian family living in Provost Skene's House on the fire in this room. What would it be like?
2. In the Victorian Room there are three small designs on cloth which are called samplers. These were made around 1882 by three sisters. Look carefully at all the designs and make a list of the girls full names.
3. In this room there is a spoonbacked chair of the 1860's and a Balloon backed chair of the 1870's. Can you decide which is which? The shapes of the chairs provide a clue. Write down the two names and make a drawing under the title of each kind of chair.
4. There is an important object in this room which clearly shows that it was made before Queen Victoria's time. Can you find it?
5. Write a description of the Victorian Room in your own words.

