

Who Was William Morris?



William Morris was born on 24th March, 1834.

He was the son of a wealthy business man.

He originally was going to become a priest but decided to devote his life to art instead.

He became a poet, artist and manufacturer.

He had lots of friends who were writers, poets and artists.

His career in designing started when he decorated his own house in London.

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He made patterned wallpaper...



William Morris – The Style



- William Morris is very famous for his wallpaper designs. He created some beautiful designs, the likes of which had never been used before. In fact, wallpaper before his day was quite plain.
- The Victorian era was the era of industrialisation; factories were being built in the cities in Britain, especially London. People flocked to the cities to work in these factories or run them, and the cities grew bigger and bigger. As a result, people led more urban lifestyles and grew to miss the countryside. Wealthier people did have gardens, but still, it was desirable to feel closer to nature.
- William Morris, who was also an environmental campaigner, created designs of floral patterns (patterns inspired by flowers and plants) which were repeated many times by printing machines.

Look carefully at designs and images, patterns, colours and size etc that is used.

Write a list of your likes and dislikes. If you have a printer, print one of his designs and use a window template to place over the image. You will then copy the design on paper/ in your book. If you do not have a printer then use an image online to copy.