

VICTORIAN PERIOD PHILOSOPHIES/QUALITIES

1. Common sense, practicality is emphasized over creativity
2. Believed truth of Godly principles
3. Social respectability was paramount
4. Intellectual seriousness was applauded
5. Interest in productivity and applied science
6. Interest and promotion of industrialization, which forced urban life over rural life
7. Nature should be controlled, be useful to man, not left to natural growth
8. Interest in problems of new society, new urban life, the plight of the homeless, etc
9. Constant change because of industrialization and urbanization, so a sense of doubt was pervasive
10. Reality reigned over creativity or idealism
11. Prophetic doubt of the future, physical world because of constant change
12. Social commentary was common form of literature
13. Concern for the “earnest” poor, but not for those who did not try to help themselves
14. Utilitarianism, moral seriousness, devotion to duty (God, community, family BEFORE self) all equaled “true happiness”