

The outstanding events in the life of Great Britain

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Children in Victorian times

Victoria was the Queen of England, from 1837 to 1901. During early Victorian times, poor children worked from the age of five to feed themselves and their families. These jobs were not easy and were often dangerous.



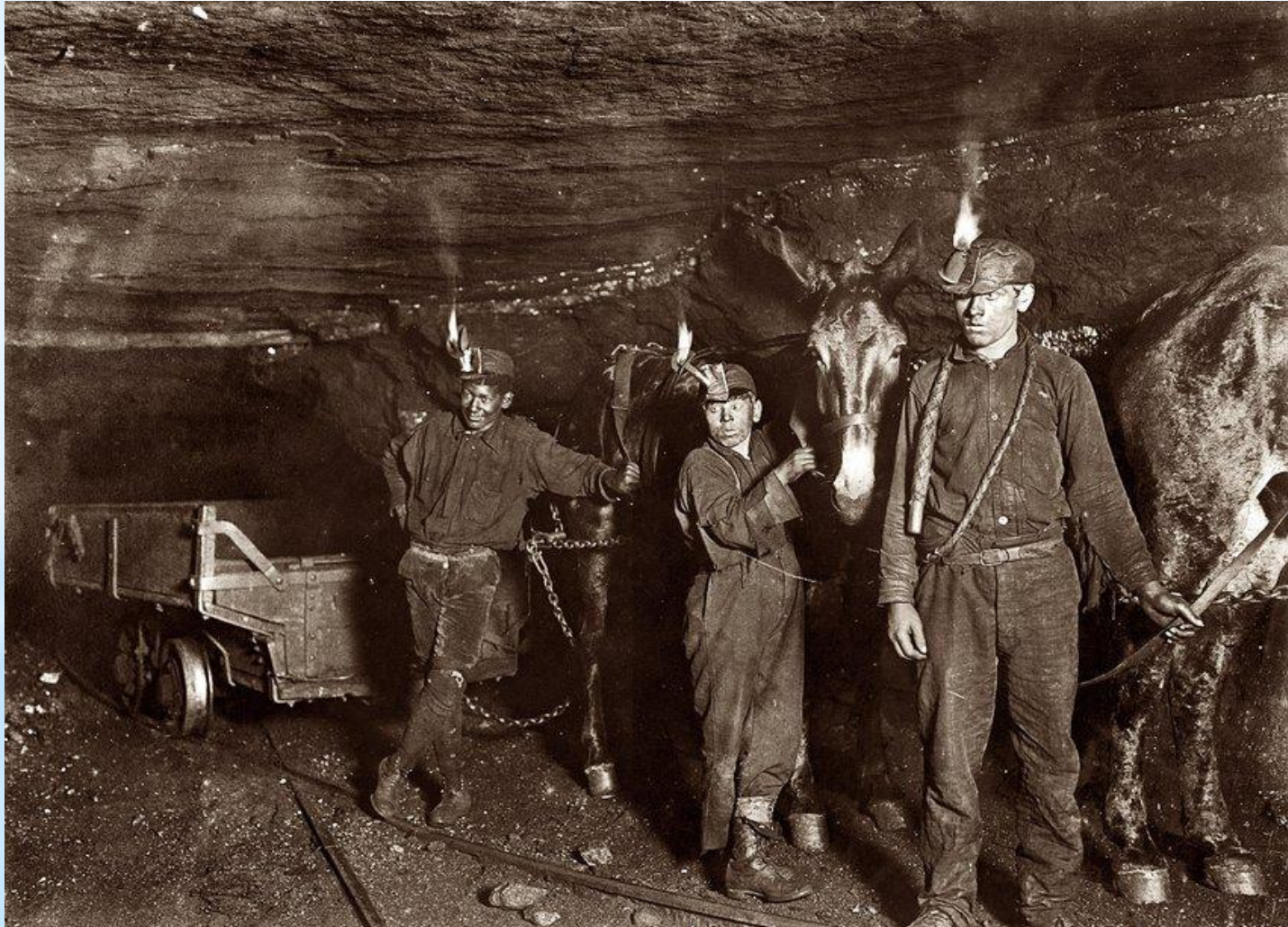
Many children worked as chimney sweeps because they were small and thin. They climbed up narrow chimneys to clean them.



A lot of children also worked in cotton factories. When the cotton threads broke, children went into the machines to fix them.



Other children worked in coal mines. They pushed trucks of coal or they opened and closed doors to let air through tunnels.



Children worked long hours for very low wages.
A lot of children had health problems and
accidents.



The National Sport of England

Football is the most popular sport in England. In fact, a lot of English people say it is their national sport.



English people have played football for a very long time. However, the game didn't have any real rules until the 19th century. In 1815, Eton College created rules to make the game less violent and later, in 1848, Cambridge University made many of the modern rules.



Today, there are thousands of football clubs in England, and professional clubs, such as Arsenal, Liverpool and Manchester United are famous all over the world.



Famous footballers,
such as David
Beckham and Michael
Owen have become
role models for a lot
of children.

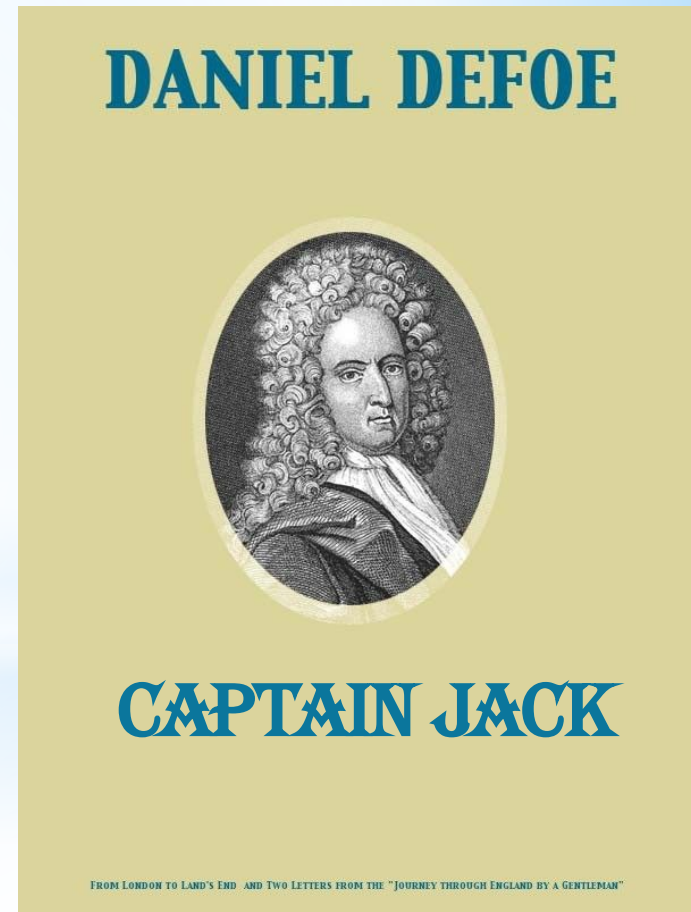
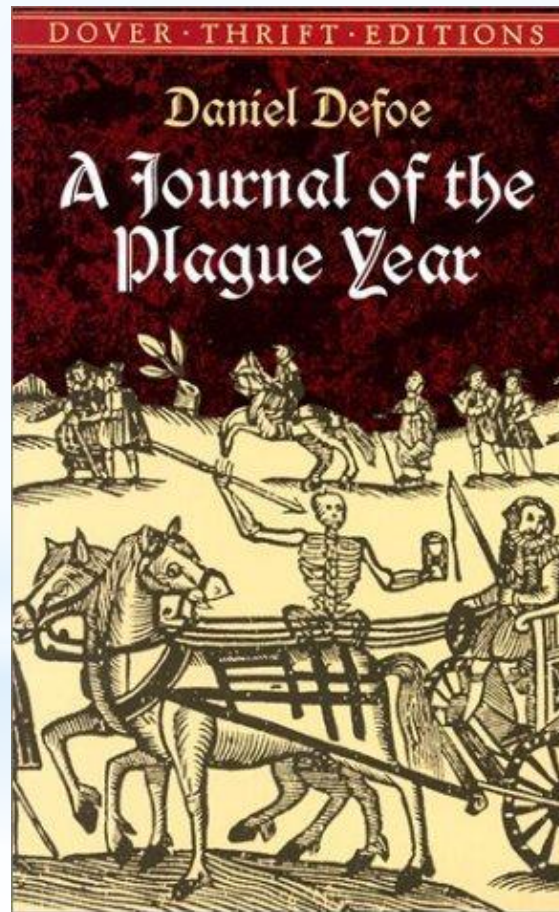
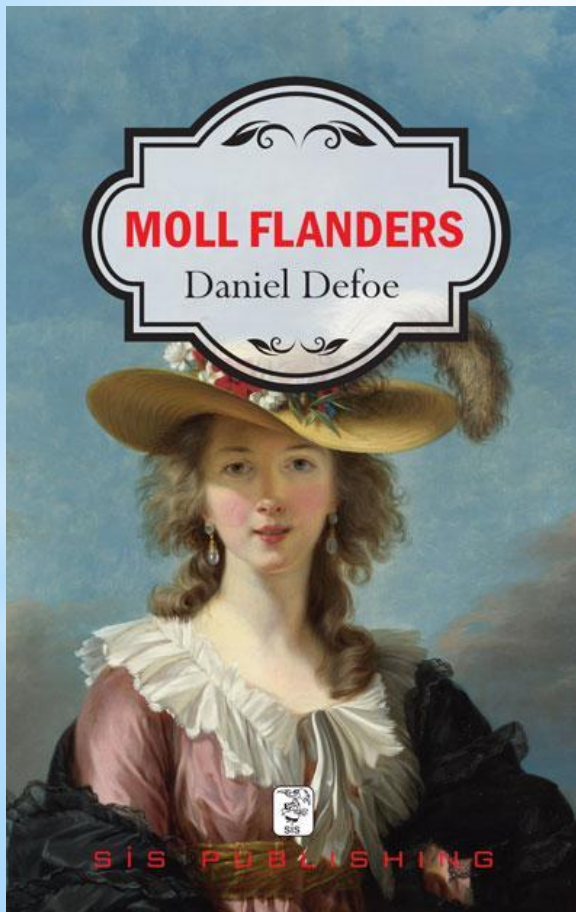


Daniel Defoe

Daniel Defoe (1660-1731), an English novelist and journalist, is most famous as the author of *Robinson Crusoe* (1719), a story of a man shipwrecked alone on an island.



Among his other works are Moll Flanders (1722), A Journal Of The Plague Year (1722) and Captain Jack (1722).



His last great work of fiction, *Roxana*, appeared in 1724. Defoe went into politics and trade and travelled all over Europe. In 1684 he married Mary Tuffley; they had two sons and five daughters.



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