



Pablo Fanque



Pupils will learn

About a significant historical person from their own locality.

When was the Victorian era?

Circle the correct answer.

1837-1901 1952-2022 1603-1714

What was life like during the Victorian era?

Match each word to its meaning.

factory

a place where poor people lived and worked

reign

a machine which types letters on to paper

workhouse

a place where things are made (often with machines)

typewriter

the time a king or queen rules for

Who was Pablo Fanque?

Circle the correct answer.

A butler A factory worker

A circus owner A farmer

How did Pablo Fanque become a famous circus owner?

Draw a line to order the events

- 1 Became an apprentice
- 2 Owns his own circus
- 3 Born in St. Andrew's Workhouse
- 4 Learns tight rope walking and equestrian skills

What did Pablo achieve in his life?

Circle the correct answers.

Made buttons Gave to charity

Owned a circus Farmed the land

How and why should Pablo Fanque be remembered?

Name a way we should remember Pablo Fanque.

Further Information

Pablo Fanque was born in Norwich in 1810.

His real name is William Darby.

Became a circus apprentice when he was 10 years old.

The Beatles song Being for the Benefit Mr Kite is about Pablo Fanque.

He died in May 1871 in Stockport.



Key Vocabulary

circus	A travelling company of clowns and entertainers.	era	A long and distinct period of time.
slavery	Working without pay or freedom.	Victorian	People who lived during the reign of Queen Victoria.
workhouse	A place where people could go for food and a home in return for work.	apprentice	A person who is learning a trade or art by experience.
equestrian	A rider or performer on horseback.	acrobatics	Gymnastic movements, sometimes difficult and dangerous.
racism	When people think one colour or race is better than another.	ringmaster	A person who directs the circus performance.
poverty	Being very poor.	trapeze	A swing like bar high up in a circus to swing from.
local	Area close to where you live.	national	The whole country.
calendar	Pages showing days and months of a year.	international	The whole world.

* Words in grey are Tier 2 (non-topic specific) vocabulary