



Make a Victorian Christmas Card Hands-on activity

To be used in conjunction with Christmas cards worksheets

This involves participants in:

Studying the Christmas cards on display

Making comparisons about the phrases and designs used c.1890
with cards of today

Gaining an understanding of the use of symbolism and narrative in pictures

Practical art skills, especially composition

Understanding that decoration and art may have hidden meanings

Understanding that stories can be told through visual methods, not only words.

This activity is linked to the display on the table below

'Christmas day in the Taylor Household' which illustrates how the family of a struggling farmer celebrated in 1901, as told through the Taylor Diaries.

It also links to the interpretive panel 'Everyday Lives' and related showcase depicting a bush picnic, the whole giving an insight into the lives of ordinary people in York during the late C19th and early C20th.

