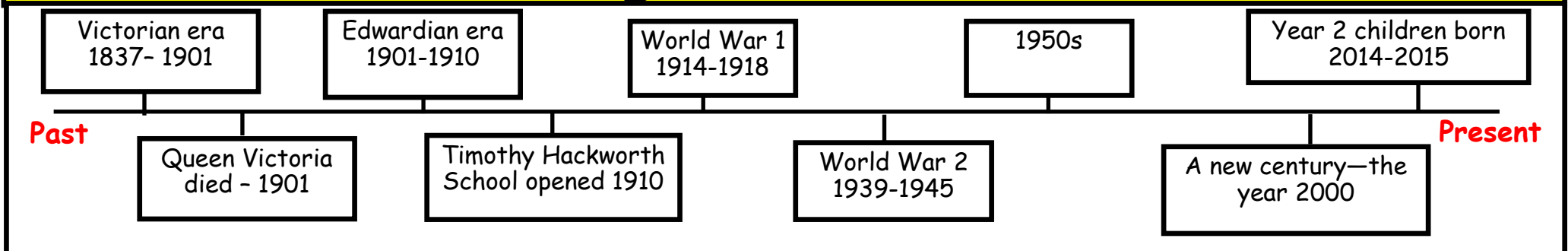


# Year 2: All change? Houses now and then.



At the start of the 20th Century, Queen Victoria died and the Victorian era came to an end. King Edward came to the throne and the Edwardian era began.

During the Victorian era lots of houses and other buildings were built and there were lots of changes in the ways people lived, such as flushing toilets, indoor bathrooms, gas lighting, water pumps for running water and sewers for taking away waste.

By the 1950s, in the years following the Second World War, lots more changes happened to the way people lived and what their houses were like. Houses were built to be much brighter, with bigger windows to let in the light and people used bright colours to decorate the insides of their homes.

By the end of the 1950s, televisions had become very common in people's homes and the first computers were available to buy. Other electrical appliances also became more common, such as washing machines, fridges and toasters.

## Vocabulary

cause	Something which makes something happen.
change	When things do not stay the same.
chronology	The study of events in time.
comparison	Finding what is the same and what is different.
Edwardian	1901-1910 when King Edward was on the throne.
effect	The impact something has on people and things.
environment	The area around you.
era	A period of time in history.
impact	The effect something has on people and things.
individual	One person.
invention	A new thing that someone has made.
locality	The area where we live, such as Sildon.
significance	How important something is.
Victorian	1837-1901 when Queen Victoria was on the throne.



A Victorian bathroom.

A 1950s bathroom.



A 1950s television set.

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