Teacher notes for the “Victorian Christmas” lesson on ActiveHistory.co.uk (part 1)

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| **Cracker** | **a** | **B** |
| The Christmas Cracker was invented by | Sam Jones | **Tom Smith** |
| It was first put on sale in the year | 1845 | **1847** |
| By trade, he was a | **Confectioner** | Gunmaker |
| He came from | Birmingham | **London** |
| He got the idea for the ‘cracking’ noise from a | **Log fire** | Nutcracker |
| **Card** |  |  |
| The Christmas card was invented to replace handwritten greeting letters by | **Henry Cole** |  |
| He invented it because his family, friends and colleagues numbered |  | **1000** |
| It was first put on sale in |  | **1843** |
| The original design showed a family | **Eating dinner** |  |
| The custom spread rapidly due to the invention of the | **Penny Post** |  |
| **Christmas Tree** |  |  |
| The Christmas Tree was made popular in England by | **Prince Albert** |  |
| He brought the custom across from his homeland of | **Germany** |  |
| The Royal family were shown with a Christmas tree in | **1848** |  |
| This image appeared in the |  | **Illustrated London News** |
| Although today most trees are Norwegian Spruce, the Victorians used the more expensive |  | **German Springelbaum** |