How had the enthusiasm for speed transformed the Victorians' world? Manchester and Sheffield quadrupled between 1801 and 1851, Bradford and Glasgow grew eightfold. Cities were the masters now. Top. A new division between 'work' and 'leisure' emerged, and this new block of weekend leisure time coincided with the development of spectator sports like cricket and football, and the rise of music hall entertainment for the new working classes. Raised in a slow, rural life, he probably migrated to the city, leaving behind his old cozy community to start afresh on his own. Education and Sport. The Victorian era saw a renaissance of public schools which became a model for gentlemen as well as for public service. The credit for the introduction and development of many modern sports goes to the Victorian era. Cycling, cricket, horse-riding and some water activities are examples of popular sports of this era. The modern game of tennis originated in between 1859 to 1865 in Birmingham, England. Entertainment.