Steampunk 101

(Steam What???)





Queen Victoria
Fake Stamp and
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The Victorian Era had its own science fiction, perhaps most famously embodied in the works of Jules Verne and H. G. Wells. Throughout the 20th century there have also been later-day science fiction stories set in the Victorian period. So, in some sense, Steampunk has existed since the 19th century.

What if there was no electricity and our technology was based on Steam Power? That's how we might start to

experience Steampunk. We can imagine Victorianinspired tech like steam-powered airplanes - we already had steam-powered cars and trains. Add mechanical computing devices and we're on our way. Pull your goggles down and buckle your seatbelt time traveler!

Today, there are Steampunk Conventions where people dress up in Victorian versions of their alter-egos. There's no shortage of fun as imagination is the common key-you'll see anything from robots to wild west characters like in the movie Wild, Wild, West. And... we're off!!!



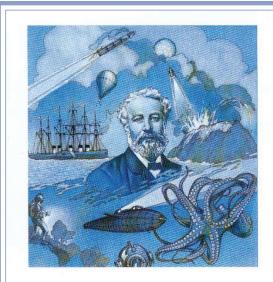
A walking giant steam-powered mechanized spider and fantastical gadgets for all purposes. Ohh MY!!



Captain Nemo of the Nautilus



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