

Lord Shaftesbury Timeline Display Posters



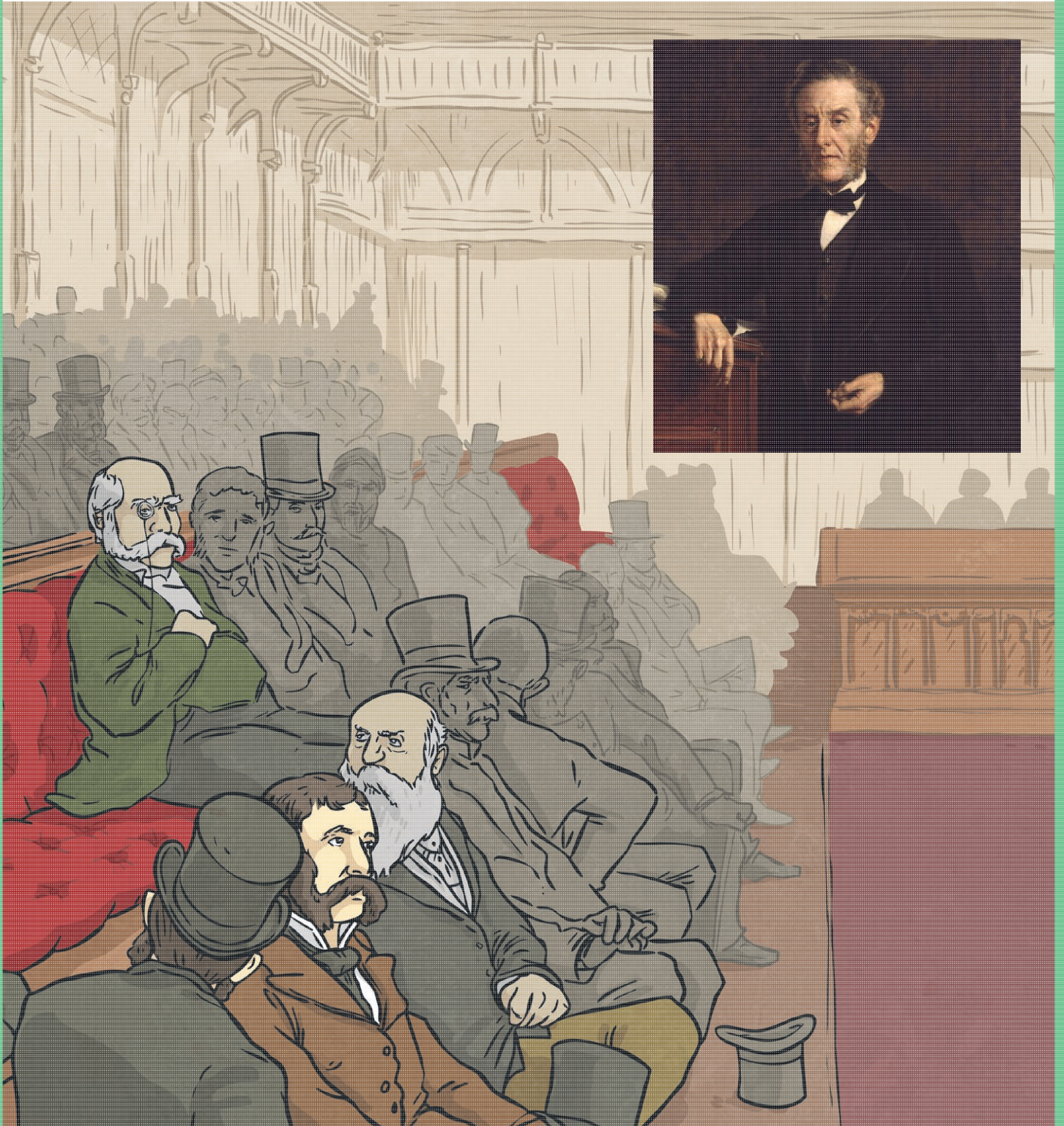
1801

Anthony Ashley-Cooper, 7th Earl of Shaftesbury
born in London on 28th April.



1826

Lord Ashley elected as a Member of Parliament.



1827

Lord Ashley appointed to a committee investigating the treatment of patients in asylums.



1833

Lord Ashley proposed a Bill for Parliament that children should work for a maximum of ten hours a day.

The Government passed the Factory Act which made it illegal for children under nine to work in textile factories.

Children aged between nine and thirteen could not be employed for more than eight hours a day.



1840

A Bill, supported by Lord Ashley, was introduced in Parliament making it against the law to employ boys as chimney sweeps. However, this was only enforced in London and unfortunately, child chimney sweeps were still employed elsewhere.



1842

Lord Ashley brought the Coal Mines Act to Parliament, which meant that no boy under ten years of age and no women should work underground.



1844

Lord Ashley became president of the Ragged School Union which promoted the education of poor children.



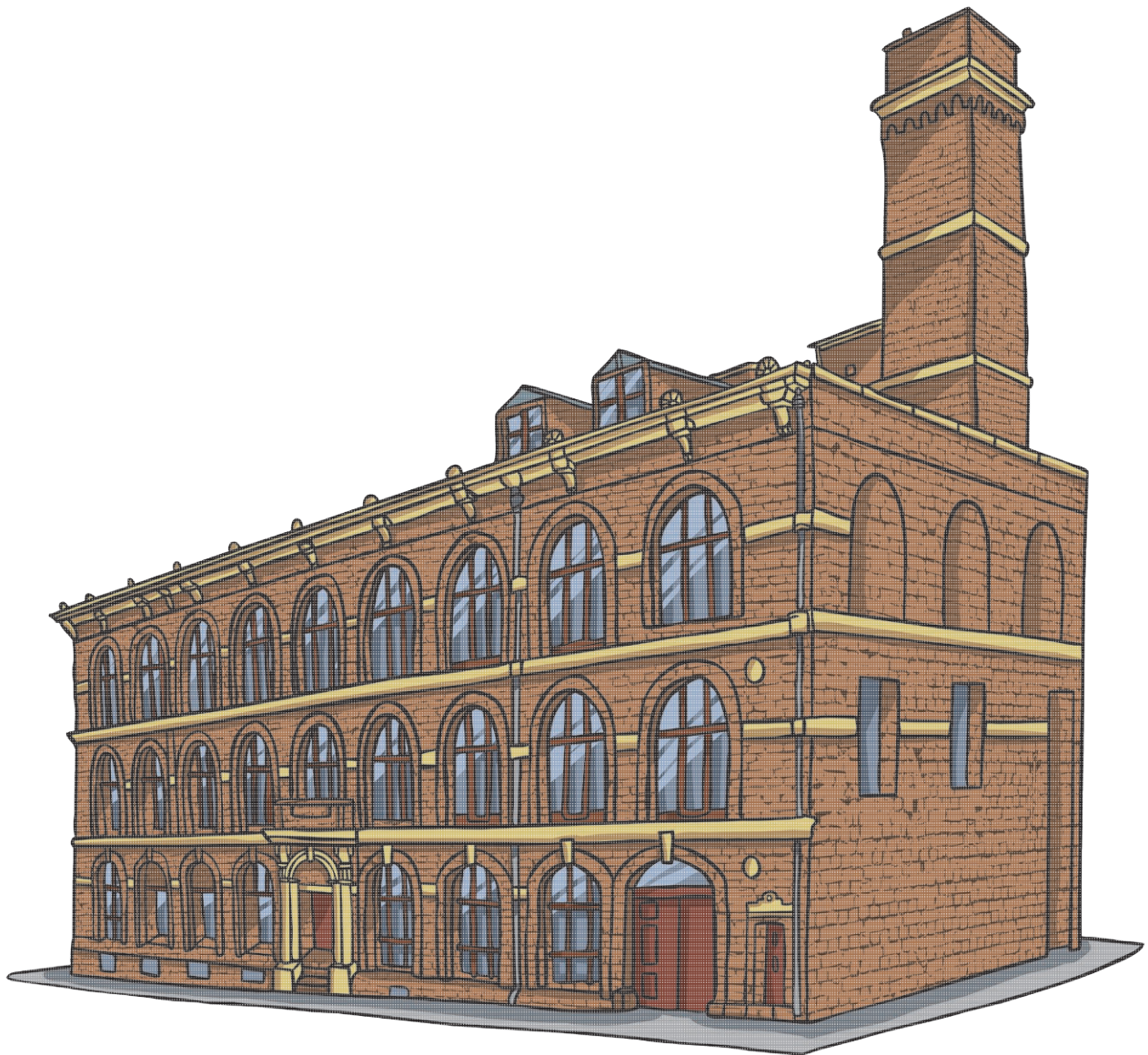
1851

After his father's death Lord Ashley became known as Lord Shaftesbury or the Earl of Shaftesbury.



1863

Lord Shaftesbury published a report that showed children as young as four and five were working from six in the morning to ten at night in some British factories.



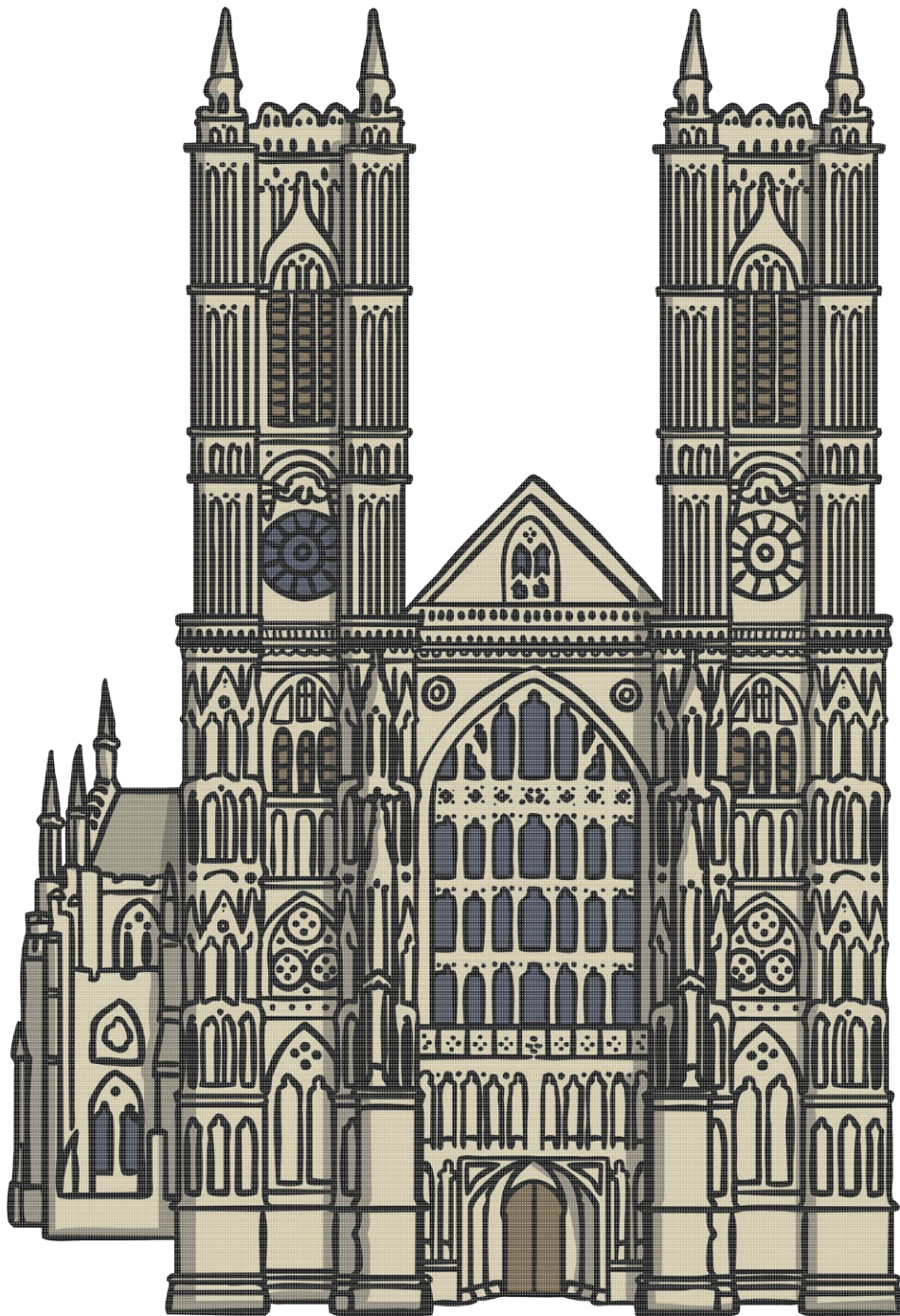
1875

Lord Shaftesbury finally persuaded Parliament to pass the Chimney Sweepers Act. This stopped the employment of boys as chimney sweeps throughout the country.



1884

Lord Shaftesbury died on 1st October, aged 84 years. His funeral service was held in Westminster Abbey. Crowds of ordinary people, many who had lived better lives because of the causes he fought for, gathered outside.



1893

The Shaftesbury Memorial was placed in Piccadilly Circus. The Memorial is topped by a statue of the Greek God, Anteros. The statue is called 'The Angel of Christian Charity' but many people know it as the Statue of Eros.

