

Key Dates		The Victorian Era			
1838	Queen Victoria crowned aged 18.	 <p>The period of time between 1837 to 1901 when Queen Victoria reigned over Britain. During her 63 year reign, there was a huge contrast between how the rich and poor Victorians lived. Queen Victoria led the expansion of the British empire and saw major changes to all aspects of Britain due to exciting discoveries and inventions</p>			
1840	Queen Victoria married Prince Albert.				
1842	Children under 10 can no longer work in underground mines.				
1844	Children aged 8-13 can no longer work for more than 6.5 hours per day.	Key Inventions			
1856	Each county has to have its own police force.	1800s- Railway Network 	1838- Photography 	1840- Penny Black Stamp 	1843- Christmas Cards 
1861	Prince Albert died of typhoid .	1852- British Pillar Post Box 	1852- Public Flushing Toilet 	1863- London Underground Railway 	1872- The Penny-Farthing Bicycle 
1864	Children under 10 can no longer work as chimney sweeps.	1876- Telephone 	1879- Electric Bulb 	1885- Petrol Motor Car 	1895- X-rays 
1870	Schools are built for children aged 5-10.				
1872	The first FA Cup Final takes place.				
1880	The Education Act makes schooling compulsory for all children aged 5-10.				
1901	Queen Victoria dies and Edward VII becomes King.				

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What I should already know?

Queen Victoria lived for 81 years, and Britain became a very different country during her time. When Victoria became queen, children had to go out to work. By the time she died, children went to school.

During the 64 years that Queen Victoria was on the throne, Britain became the richest country in the world, which brought about great social change. Machines for factories were invented that could make things quickly, like textiles - so, there were more textiles around to sell, and more people who wanted to buy them. With the invention of the steam train, the textiles could get to places further away than before. A long period of history is named after her - the Victorian Age.

Main driver question

What were the triumphs and tragedies of the Victorian Era?

Mini driver questions

1. Britain in 1837. What sort of country did Queen Victoria inherit?
2. How did the wealth of industrialisation change Britain?
3. What effect did transportation have on British globalisation?
4. What was it like to work in a Victorian school and workhouse?
5. How did Britain and its Empire influence the world?
6. Essay Week: Can you answer the main driver question?

Key Vocabulary

arithmetic	Learning about maths and numbers.
industry	A group of companies that all produce the same thing.
Industrial Revolution	A time of major change in the way products were made.
invention	A new thing that someone has made.
livestock	Farm animals.
migrate	Move to a different area to find work or better living conditions.
reign	To control a country.
rural	The countryside.
revolution	A big change in something.
typhoid	A bacterial infection that can spread throughout the body.

Useful websites

<http://www.primaryhomeworkhelp.co.uk/victorians/timeline.htm>

http://www.bbc.co.uk/history/british/timeline/victorianbritain_timeline_noflash.shtml

<https://www.nationalarchives.gov.uk/education/victorianbritain/>

<https://www.bl.uk/victorian-britain#>

<https://www.nationalarchives.gov.uk/education/resources/victorian-lives/>

Did you know?

By the end of Queen Victoria's reign the British Empire ruled over 400 million people, a quarter of the world's population and a fifth of the land mass, a process began 300 years earlier with Queen Elizabeth the First. The rise of the navy under Henry VIII and Elizabeth I's defeat of the Spanish Armada (navy) began a process of hundreds of years of empire building by force of arms, trade, purchase and war. Empire building and the arms race led directly to the start of WW1, which in turn led to World War 2. Could this be the legacy of Britain's two greatest queens?

What I should know at the end of the unit?

Bronze: You should be able to write an essay with an introduction, a main paragraph and a conclusion. You should be able to say what your opinion is about the Victorian Era.

Silver: You should be able to write an essay with an introduction, several main paragraphs and a conclusion. You should be able to say whether the Victorian Era was a triumph, a tragedy or both.

Gold: You should be able to write an essay with an introduction, several main paragraphs and a conclusion. You should be able to say whether the Victorian Era was a triumph, a tragedy or both. You must include evidence from primary sources and quotes. The red websites have primary sources.