



Key Vocabulary

Word	Meaning
British Empire	Lands that Britain controlled all over the world.
Coronation	The formal service of making a person king or queen of a country.
Factory Acts	Laws passed by government to protect people working in dangerous factories.
Mines	Underground areas where people worked digging out coal and other minerals.
Paupers	Very poor people who have no way of feeding or supporting themselves
Ragged School	A school to teach poor children .
Workhouse	Places set up by the government where poor people with no money could go and be given a bed, food and work.
Disease	Illnesses for example, cholera, smallpox and typhoid.
Reign	The length of time a king or queen rules a country.

Queen Victoria

- Born in **1819** in Kensington Palace.
- Her uncle, King William IV, who had no children of his own, passed the crown on to Victoria when he died.
- She was **18** years old when she inherited the throne in **1837**.
- She was the first monarch to live in Buckingham Palace.
- Queen Victoria was on the throne for nearly **64** years.
- She died in **1901**.



Schools

- At the start of Victoria's reign, only **wealthy children** **went to school** or had tutors.
- Education was **not free**.
- Girls** were taught skills such as **sewing or cooking**.
- Boys** were taught subjects such as **reading and arithmetic** (maths).
- Poorer children** had to **work** and never learnt how to read or write. This changed during Queen Victoria's reign.

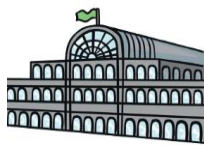




Queen Victoria became Queen at age 18.



Children between ages 8 and 13 no longer had to work over 6.5 hours a day.



The Great Exhibition opened.



Children under 10 years old could no longer work as chimney sweeps.



Schools were opened for children aged 5-10.



Public places in London had electric lighting for the first time.



Queen Victoria died.

1837

1840

1844

1847

1851

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Queen Victoria and Prince Albert got married.



Railway tracks were built all over Britain.



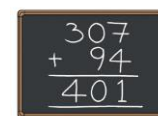
Prince Albert died from typhoid.



The last public hanging.



Queen Victoria opened the Royal Albert Hall.



School was made compulsory for all children.

Industrial Revolution

- Towns and cities changed.
- Victorians **built** schools, libraries, stations, shops and hospitals.
- Tower Bridge** is an example of Victorian engineering and is now a symbol of London



Facts about Tower Bridge:

- Opened in June **1894**.
- It took **8-years** to build and the original architect never saw his bridge completed.
- 432 construction workers** build Tower Bridge under the watchful eye of **Sir John Wolfe Barry**.
- It was build as a result of a competition.

Extending your learning:

1. Read a book set in Victorian times
2. Make a list of Victorian inventions
3. Research the life of an influential Victorian
4. Visit London Bridge or The Albert Hall
5. Watch Oliver Twist or A Christmas Carol