

History Topic: The Victorians – Queen Victoria	Year Group: 2	Spring Term
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Key Knowledge:

Who was Queen Victoria?

- **Queen Victoria reigned** as **Queen** in Britain from 1837-1901.
- This time is also called the **Victorian** era.
- Victoria was born at Kensington Palace, London.
- Her father was English and her mother was German.
- She spoke many different languages.



When did Victoria become Queen?

- Victoria became **Queen** in 1837 at the age of 18 after the death of her uncle.
- Her **coronation** took place a year after.
- She was **Queen** of the biggest **empire** the world had seen – the **British Empire**.
- She became known as the Empress of India.

Who did Queen Victoria marry?

- **Queen Victoria** married **Albert**, her cousin!
- They had 9 children.
- They had 40 grandchildren and 37 great grandchildren!
- **Prince Albert** died when he was just 42.
- **Queen Victoria** mourned his death for a long time and wore black for the rest of her life.



How long did Queen Victoria reign for?

- **Queen Victoria reigned** for 64 years.
- For a long time, she was the longest serving **monarch**.
- She is now the second longest **reigning monarch** after our current **Queen**, Queen Elizabeth II.



How did Britain change when Victoria was Queen?

- Lots changed when **Queen Victoria** was **Queen**.
- Britain became the most powerful country in the world and ruled many countries.
- Lots of new things were invented which made people's lives easier.
- The number of people living in Britain grew.
- Factories and machines were built because there were more people.
- During **Queen Victoria's reign**, education improved, and many children were able to go to school.



Key Vocabulary:

British	To come from Britain.
Coronation	When a person is crowned King or Queen .
Empire	Countries around the world that belonged to Britain.
Heir	The person who is going to be King or Queen next.
Monarch	A King, Queen or Emperor who rules a country.
Prince Albert	Prince Albert was the husband of Queen Victoria .
Queen	A female who is head of the royal family.
Queen Victoria	Queen Victoria was queen from 1837 until 1901.
Reign	A period of time when a person rules.
Royal	To be related to a King or Queen .
Victorian	A person that lived at the time of Queen Victoria's reign .

Timeline of Events:

- 1819** – Victoria was born at Kensington Palace, London.
- 1819** – Albert was born in Germany.
- 1837** – Victoria became Queen at the age of 18 after the death of her uncle.
- 1840** – Queen Victoria and Prince Albert marry.
- 1861** – Prince Albert dies of Typhoid. Victoria goes into a long period of mourning.
- 1897** – Queen Victoria Diamond Jubilee (50 years on the throne).
- 1901** – Queen Victoria dies.

Historical Skills and Enquiry:

- **Research Queen Victoria's life.**
- **Create a Fact file about Queen Victoria.**
- **Compare Queen Victoria to another Queen e.g. Queen Elizabeth II.**
- **Sequence the events of Queen Victoria's life or create a timeline to show these events in order.**
- **Use ICT/technology to create an online resource about Queen Victoria's life.**