

Y5 – Spring 2 - Victorians - History

Vocabulary

Word	Definition
Industrial Revolution	A time when factories were built. People began to move to towns and cities from the countryside.
Monarch	A leader of a country e.g. King or Queen.
Empire	A group of countries ruled over by a single monarch.
Workhouse	A place where poor people were offered accommodation in return for work.
Coronation	The ceremony of crowning a King or Queen.
Governor	A title given to the person or official appointed to govern a colony.
Invention	A new item that has been designed and made by someone to do a particular job or task.

Previous Knowledge

In Year 3, you learnt about:

- A time period that contrasts with British history.
- Chronology

In Year 4, you learnt about:

- Early time periods & what we learnt from them.
- To analyse sources of information



Key Facts

- Queen Victoria took to the throne at the end of the industrial revolution
- Many Victorians flocked to British seaside for their holidays.
 - Bank holidays began in this time.
- People were considered upper class, middle class or working class. Life was comfortable for the upper class whereas life was terrible for the working class.
- Most poor children went to work for long hours. Primary school became compulsory in the year 1880.
- Workhouses were where people went if they didn't have enough money. They were not nice and overflowing with people.
- Many orphans ended up in the workhouse.

Key Facts

- Queen Victoria reigned in Britain from 1837-1901. This period of time is called the Victorian Era.
- Queen Victoria ruled with her husband, Prince Albert, until he died in 1861.
- After Prince Albert died, Queen Victoria was so upset that she wore black clothes everyday for the rest of her life.

Key Questions

- Who was Queen Victoria and why was she important?
- Can you describe some of the main events in the life of Queen Victoria?
- What was the Industrial Revolution?
- Can you name three inventions of the Victorian era?
- What was life like for poor children in Victorian times?

Spellings: Industrial, revolution, exhibition, governor, monarch, Buckingham Palace, empire, Victoria, Albert, Saxe-Coburg, England, empress, India.