



Welton Primary School—History Knowledge Organiser



Year: 2




The Victorians

| Timeline | | | | | | | | | | |
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| 24th May 1819 | 20th June 1837 | 28th June 1838 | 10th February 1840 | 25th April 1843 | 14th December 1861 | 1st May 1876 | 1887 | 1891 | 1899 | 22nd January 1901 |
| Victoria was born at Kensington Palace | William IV died. Victoria became Queen | Victoria's coronation takes place | Victoria and Albert are married | Prince Albert Edward born—would later become Edward VII | Prince Albert died | Victoria named Empress of India | Victoria celebrated her golden jubilee | Education made free and compulsory for children aged 5-13 | South Kensington museum renamed the Victoria and Albert Museum | Queen Victoria dies |

| Vocabulary | |
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| factory | Building where goods are made and put together, usually by machines |
| mines | Underground areas where people worked digging out coal and minerals |
| monarch | Head of a state, typically a king, queen or emperor |
| reign | Length of a rule of monarch |
| compulsory | Having to do something |
| disease | Illnesses, which may be dangerous |
| hygiene | Cleanliness needed to keep healthy |
| poverty | People do not have enough money to feed or clothe themselves |
| Ragged school | A school set up to teach poor children |
| upper class | Wealthy people who had lots of money and servants |
| working class | Bottom of the Victorian class system; people who did not earn much money |
| butler | Chief servant of a household |
| maid | Female servant that did jobs around the house |
| chimney sweep | Person whose job is cleaning out the soot from chimneys |
| coronation | The event when a person is made king or queen |

The Victorian period is named after Queen Victoria who reigned over Britain and world Empire from her coronation in 1837 to her death in 1901—nearly 64 years. She is the second longest serving monarch after Queen Elizabeth II. Life in Victorian England was very different to today. It was a time of great wealth and poverty, as well as invention and scientific discovery. During this time, Britain was viewed as a powerful nation—due to the British Empire. In 1850, Britain was the richest country in the world.



Queen Victoria

Queen Victoria was born in 1819 at Kensington Palace in London. Her uncle was King William IV, who had no children of his own, so the crown passed on to Victoria when he died. She was 18 years old when she inherited the throne in 1837.

Victoria is described as strong, honest and stubborn. She was the first monarch to live in Buckingham Palace, but she also spent time at Balmoral Castle in Scotland. Queen Victoria was on the throne for nearly 64 years until she died in 1901.

Anne Popple water fountain, on the village green, Welton

In 1874, Anne Popple, who had lived in the village, provided money in her will, for the building of a drinking fountain

Schools





At the start of Victoria's reign, only wealthy children went to school or had tutors, because education was not free. Girls were taught skills such as sewing or cooking, while boys were taught subjects such as reading and arithmetic. Poorer children were sent out to work and never learnt how to read or write. This changed during Victoria's reign.

| Rich Children | Poor Children |
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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Large houses Servants/Maids/Nanny/Tutor Expensive Clothes One hour a day with parents Flushing Toilets Running Water Expensive toys- Rocking horse, Doll's house, Cuddly Toys. Sea side holidays Strict routines | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Small houses- 1/2 rooms Sometimes shared with families Slums- dirty houses packed together Very little food Worn, dirty clothes Open sewer Water pumped from a well Shared toilet Invent own games Play with what you find Involved with housework |



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