

# The Knowledge

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# Victorians



**ARDLEIGH GREEN**  
JUNIOR SCHOOL

Year 6  
History

# Key Dates

## Victorian timeline

- 1819** Victoria is born.
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- 1825** The Stockton and Darlington Railway opens. It is the first steam railway in the world.
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- 1829** Robert Peel starts the police force.
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- 1834** A new Poor Law is passed that stops people giving money to the poor. Anyone who is poor or in need must go into the workhouse instead.
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- 1837** Victoria becomes Queen.
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- 1837** The Houses of Parliament are built.
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- 1840** Queen Victoria marries Prince Albert.
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- 1842** The Mines and Collieries Act prevents underground work for women and girls, and boys under 10.
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- 1851** The Great Exhibition opens at Crystal Palace.
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- 1853** The Crimean War begins.
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- 1859** Charles Darwin's *On the Origin of Species* is published.
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- 1861** Prince Albert dies.
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- 1870** The Education Act makes education compulsory for children between the ages of five and 13.
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- 1879** Thomas Edison makes the first electric light bulb.
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- 1891** The Elementary Education Act makes school free for all children up to age 15.
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- 1901** Queen Victoria dies.

# Key Facts

- The Victorian era was the time when Queen Victoria was on the throne. It lasted from 1837 until 1901. It was a time of huge change in Britain. The introduction of steam power revolutionised transport, factories and farming leading to the industrial revolution. Social change saw the rise of the suffrage movement, the struggle for women's right to vote. Working conditions and education also improved during the Victorian era.

# Key Vocabulary

**Empire** – A group of countries ruled by one monarch.

**Factory** – A place where goods are manufactured.

**Punishment** – Inflicting a negative consequence as a result of someone's crime.

**Reign** – The time when a monarch is on the throne.

**Moral** – Relating to behaviour that is considered by most people to be correct.

# Test Yourself

- Which year did Queen Victoria begin her reign?
- What type of power was introduced in this time which revolutionised transport and farming?
- When did Queen Victoria marry Albert?
- When did Queen Victoria's reign end?

**What I would like to know...**