



Year 5 - Summer 1 - Victorious Victorians



Queen Victoria reigned from 1837 until 1901.

The British Empire spanned one quarter of the Earth's surface at its height and was called 'the Empire on which the Sun never sets'.

Over 8000 miles of railways were laid in Britain so people and goods could travel further and faster.

Electric lighting, the combustion engine and photography were all discovered.

Charles Dickens wrote about the negative social problems caused by industry and a lack of caring in society.

In 1851 Prince Albert organised the Great Exhibition at Crystal Palace to show off inventions and wonders from across the world.

Significant figures

Queen Victoria (1837 - 1901)	Queen of United Kingdom and Ireland from 1837 until 1901.
George Stephenson	Built locomotives and called 'father of railways'.
Charles Dickens	Author who wrote about life in Victorian times, eg. Oliver Twist.
Henry Fox-Talbot	A pioneer of photography

Key Vocabulary

Empire	A group of territories under the rule of one power	Locomotive	The motor engine of a train
Colonialism	Taking control of another country to use its resources and profiting from it	Conquest	Taking control of a place or people by force
Pioneer	One of the first people to use or develop an activity or object	Significance	The importance of an event, person, place or object in telling us about the past
Government	A system of a group of people being in charge of a community	Consequence	The result of an action or event

