

# History • Now and Then: The Victorians

**Key Learning Question:** How did Britain change during the reign of Queen Victoria?



## Crucial Knowledge

- Britain was very powerful during the Victorian era. It conquered many countries which helped Britain grow and improve, but often at the expense of people around the world.
- In the Victorian era, the first laws were passed to protect very young children from working and doing dangerous jobs.
- School and education were first made compulsory for everyone up to 10 years old.
- Florence Nightingale improved hospital conditions, hygiene practices and skills of nurses.
- Many different types of new transport became widely used such as train, bicycle, steam ships and motor cars.
- Lots of new inventions still used today were invented, one of the most important being the telephone.



## Key Vocabulary

monarch: A King or Queen

rule: To run a country

reign: Time that a king or queen rules a country

empire: A group of countries ruled by one leader

era: A period of time

manual labour: Work done by people, not machines

compulsory: Something that has to be done

Crimea: Part of Russia, gave name to war 1853-1856

steam engine: Creates movement from boiling water

invention: A useful device created by a person

## Big Ideas:

Chronology • Beliefs • Evolution & Technology •  
Change Makers • Society • Conflict



## Important People & Places



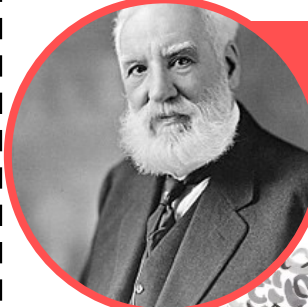
### Queen Victoria

Queen Victoria is Queen Elizabeth II's great-great-grandmother. She was Queen for 64 years and was married to Prince Albert.



### Florence Nightingale

Florence Nightingale was a British nurse who helped improve hospital conditions and looked after soldiers injured in the Crimean War.



### Alexander Graham Bell

An inventor in the Victorian era, best known for inventing the telephone.



## We Are Building Our Knowledge From

- Toys From the Past (Y1)
- The History of Flight (Y1)
- Our Journeys (Y1)

## This will help when we learn about

- Immigration Through Time (Y6)



## Timeline

1837

Victorian Era begins

1838

Slavery abolished in the British Empire

1854

Crimean War begins

1870

Free education introduced

1876

Telephone invented

1897

Women begin to campaign for the vote

1901

Queen Victoria dies