



The Victorian era was the period between 1837 and 1901 when Queen Victoria reigned over Britain. During her 63-year reign, there was a huge difference between how the rich and poor lived. Queen Victoria led to the expansion of the British empire and saw major changes to all of Britain due to exciting discoveries and inventions.



The Industrial Revolution was a period of huge change between 1750 and 1900. Before the revolution, Britain was a rural country with most living off the land and livestock. People began to realise that coal and steam could be used to power factories, machines, flour and cotton mills. This reduced the time it took to make something.

Huge factories were built, and towns quickly expanded. People would migrate to the towns attracted by reliable work and pay from the factories. Houses for workers were built closer to the factories. Better transport links helped to boost trade by transporting people and goods quickly and cheaply across the country.

Key Vocabulary	Definition
Industry	A group of companies that produce the same thing.
Industrial Revolution	A time of major change in the way products were made.
Reign	To control a country.
Revolution	A big change in something.
Empire	A group of countries ruled over by another country or monarch.
Monarch	A person who reigns over a kingdom or empire
Workhouse	A place where poor people lived in exchange for work
Shilling	An old British coin worth 1/20 of a pound
Manufacturing	The process of making objects or machinery
Pollution	Bad gases released into the atmosphere by burning fuel

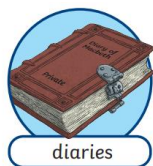


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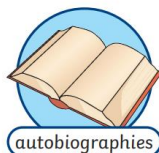
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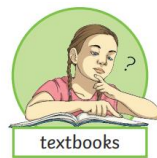
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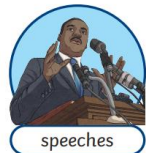
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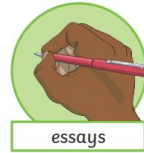
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Secondary Sources

An explanation that uses primary sources to investigate a historical topic, but is written after that period in history.



1819

Alexandrina Victoria is born

1837
Victoria is crowned



Railways

1840 - Stamp



1871 - Penny farthing



1879 - Electric bulb



1895 - X-rays



1901

Queen Victoria dies



1838 - Camera



1843 - Christmas Card



1876 - Telephone



1885 - Petrol motorcar