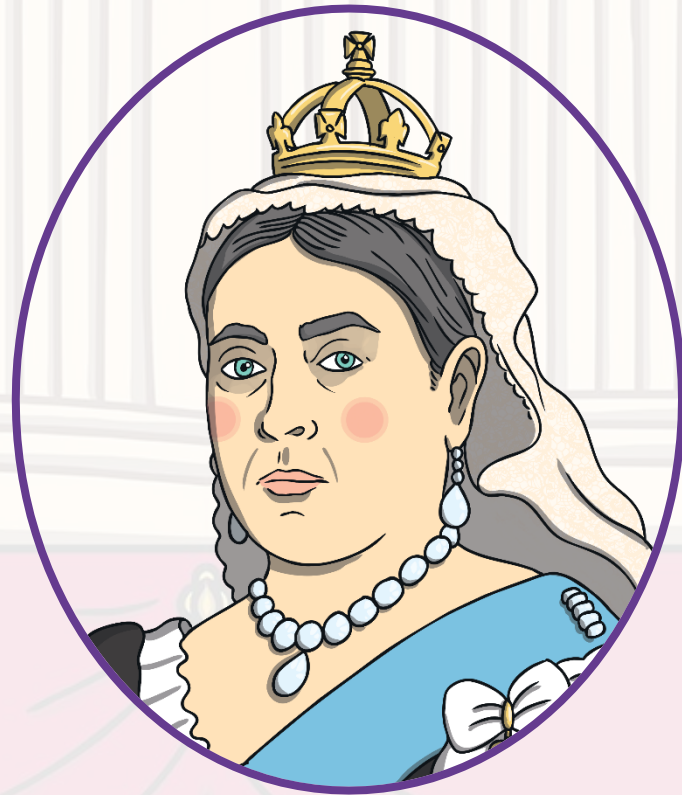


Queen Victoria



Who was Queen Victoria?

- Queen Victoria is one of the most famous monarchs in British history.
- She is so famous that a period of history is named after her: The Victorians.



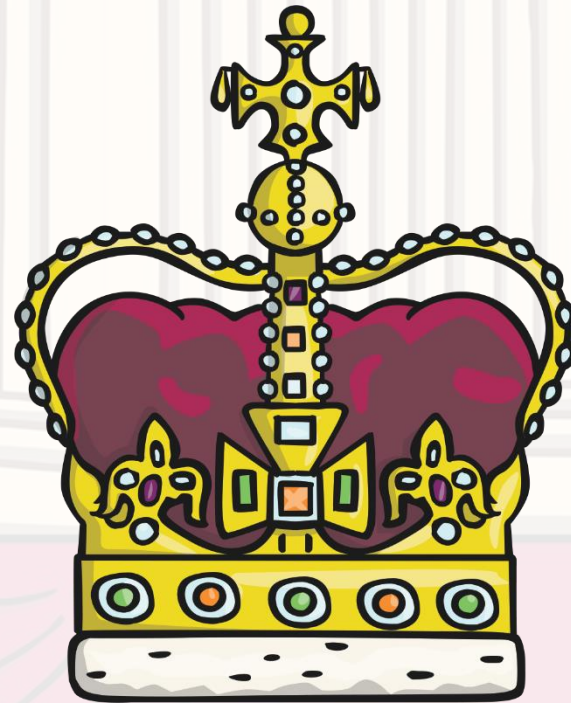
Childhood

- Victoria was born on 24th May 1819 in London.
- Her father, Edward, Duke of Kent died in 1820, when she was only a baby.
- She lived in Kensington Palace with her mother, Victoria, Duchess of Kent.
- Victoria didn't go to school but had a tutor teach her at home.
- Victoria could speak many languages, including German, French and Italian.



Family

- Queen Victoria's father, Edward, was the son of King George III.
- After George III and his successor, George IV, Victoria's uncle became King William IV.
- William had no surviving children who could become the next king or queen after he died so Victoria became her uncle's heir.



Early Reign

- Victoria became queen in 1837 aged 18.
- Her coronation was on 28th June 1838 at Westminster Abbey. It lasted for 5 hours and was a spectacular event.
- She married her cousin, Prince Albert, in 1840 and together they had nine children.
- Sadly, Albert died in 1861 aged just 42. Victoria was so upset by his death she wore black clothing for the rest of her life.



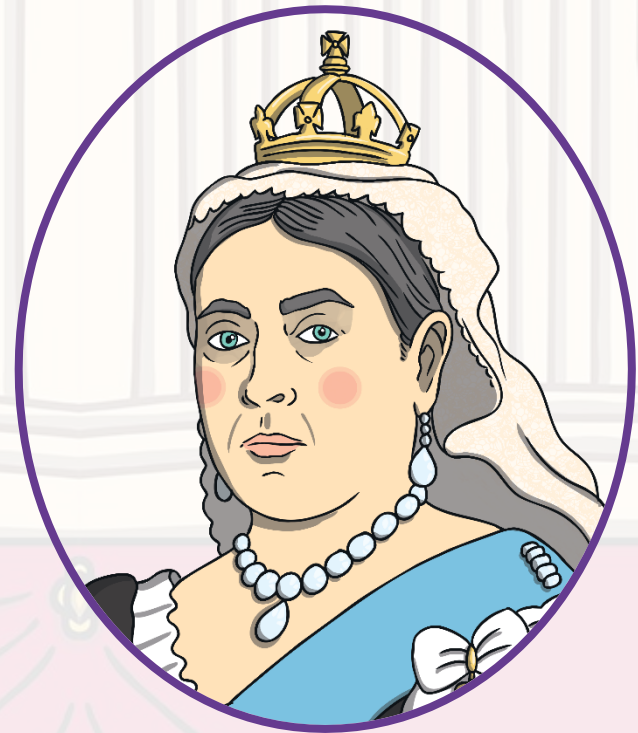
Children



- Queen Victoria had four sons and five daughters.
- The names of her children were Victoria, Albert, Alice, Alfred, Helena, Louise, Arthur, Leopold and Beatrice.
- Queen Victoria also had 42 grandchildren.

Life as Queen

- Queen Victoria reigned for 63 years and 7 months. She reigned longer than any king or queen before her. She is still the second longest reigning monarch after Queen Elizabeth II, who passed her record on 9th September 2015.
- During her reign, Victoria oversaw 10 Prime Ministers in the UK and many more in other countries she ruled around the world.



The British Empire



- Queen Victoria ruled a huge empire that spread around the world.
- The Empire was made up of lots of countries, including Canada, Australia, New Zealand, India and Jamaica.
- In 1876, Victoria also became Empress of India.

Christmas with The Royal Family

- Many Christmas traditions, such as Christmas trees and sending cards, came from Germany.
- When Prince Albert married Victoria, he brought these traditions to the UK and made them popular around Britain.
- Victorian Christmas trees would be decorated with candles, gingerbread and sweets.
- Before then, people may have brought in branches of holly or some mistletoe.



Interesting Facts

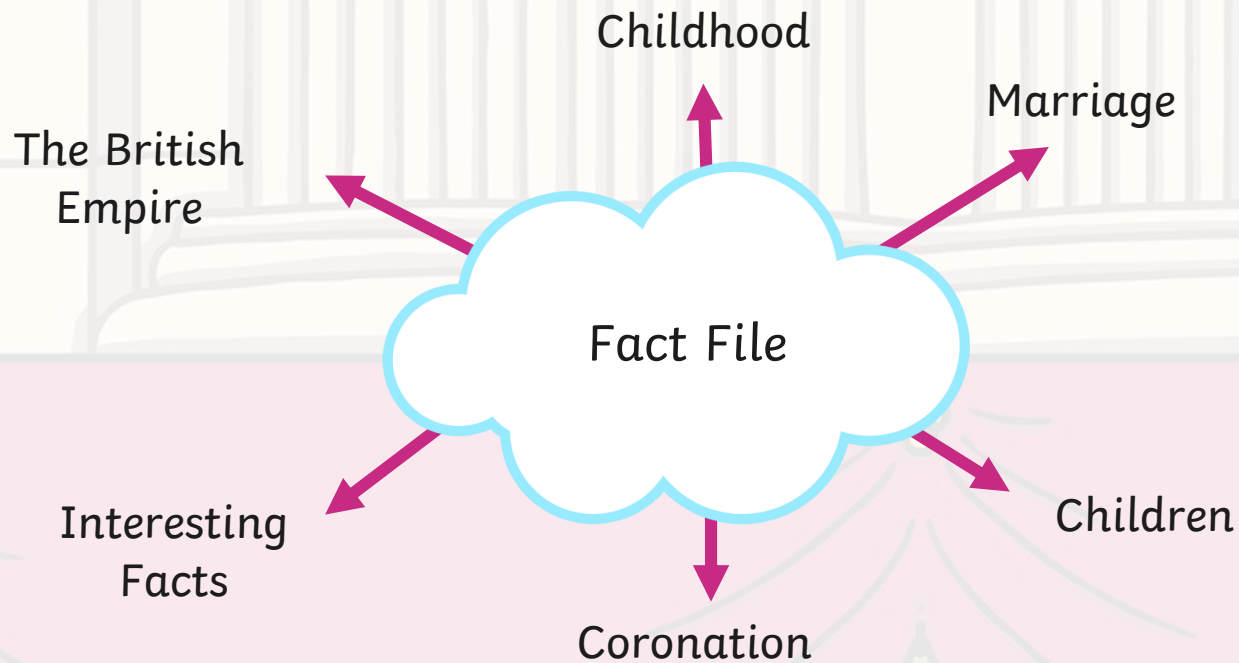
- In 1842, Victoria rode on a train for the first time, from London to Windsor.
- Victoria was very small, only about 5ft tall.
- Victoria's name is actually Alexandrina Victoria but was always just known as Victoria. Her family often called her 'Drina'.
- Victoria is known as the 'Grandmother of Europe' as many of her children and grandchildren married into other European royal families.



Task

Your task is to create a fact file about Queen Victoria.

Think about the interesting facts you might want to include, such as:



Timeline of significant events within the 1800s

