

The Hermitage School – History

Topic: Victorians

Year: 6

Strand: History

What should I already know?

- The timeline of the British monarchy and power from 1485 to 1603.
- Be able to name and position on a map the seven continents of the world.
- To use an atlas and identify human and physical geographical features.

What will I know by the end?

- The rapid technological and social changes that occurred during Victoria's reign e.g. industrialisation, workhouses and social responsibility.
- The Industrial Revolution drew people from the country to cities and towns causing a shift in British culture.
- The British Empire spanned nearly a third of the world, contributed to Victorian wealth and success and still impacts the influence Britain has in the world today.
- Modern schooling began during the Victorian era though was vastly different to the modern school experience.
- How the local history of Woking and Brookwood developed due to the advancement of the railways during this time period.

Timeline of Victoria's reign

1837 – William IV dies and Queen Victoria becomes queen
 1840 – Marries Prince Albert
 1861 – Death of Albert
 1871 – Royal Albert Hall opens
 1876 – Crowned Empress of India
 1901 – Dies and is succeeded by Edward VII



Queen Victoria



Prince Albert

Vocabulary

British Empire – land that Britain controlled all over the world
census – a count of all the people in the country on a particular day
cholera – an infectious disease caused by contaminated water causing diarrhoea and stomach cramps
continent – a very large area of land that consists of one or more countries
culture – the ideas, customs and art of a particular society
curriculum – a course of study at school
Industrial Revolution – a period of time where rapid advances in technology were made
industrialisation – to develop industry on a large scale in a country
monarchy – a country that is reigned over by a king or queen
population – the number of people who live in a place
reform – an improvement made for the benefit of society
reign – a length of time in which a king or queen rules a country
sanitation – the use of ideas and methods to maintain public health
social responsibility – the practise of producing goods and services in a way that is not harmful to society or the environment
technological – resulting in improvements in processes by the use of machines
workhouse – places set up by the government to provide food and shelter for the homeless

Historical Skills and Enquiry

- Examine a variety of sources (including census data) to make inferences about the past – in particular about Victorian social change and the monarchy.
- Examine the timeline of Victoria's reign and consider the rapid change in culture, technology and economy during this period.
- Understand the impact of Victoria's legacy on modern British culture, technology and environment.
- Undertake historical enquiry based research of primary and secondary sources in an archive.