

Find Out About...

Victorian Britain

48 Differentiated Key Stage 2 Non-Fiction Texts with Questions

Introduction

Find Out About Victorian Britain is a collection of twelve different topics explored at four different reading levels. It is aimed at the busy teacher who needs to accurately differentiate classroom work to make sure all pupils in their care are working towards their maximum potential. The Levels used match the English National Curriculum. The Level 2 texts have a passage to copy out with missing words to be found. The remaining texts have simple factual questions in Section A and more open-ended/ inferred questions in Section B. Section C suggests ideas for illustrating the work. All the pages have been printed 'Landscape' to make maximum use of the space on Interactive Whiteboards. Black and white images are used in the paper book; full colour images have been used in the e.book and download.

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The Reign of Queen Victoria

Victoria became Queen in 1837, when she was 18 years old. Victoria was crowned in 1838 at Westminster Abbey. Queen Victoria fell in love with her cousin Prince Albert. They were married in 1840. She had four sons and five daughters.

In 1861 Prince Albert died. This made the Queen very unhappy and for many years she only wore black clothes. In 1887 Victoria had been queen for 50 years. A great party was held for her. Queen Victoria died in 1901.



Copy this writing and fill in the gaps:

The Reign of Queen Victoria

When she was _____ years old Victoria became Queen. She was crowned at _____ Abbey in 1838. Queen Victoria fell in love with her _____ Prince Albert. They were _____ in 1840. She had five daughters and _____ sons. Prince _____ died in 1861. This made the Queen very _____ and for many years she only wore _____ clothes. Victoria had been queen for _____ years in 1887. A great _____ was held for her. Queen Victoria died in _____.

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Queen Victoria fell in love with her cousin Prince Albert. They were married in 1840. Between 1841 and 1857 she had nine children. She had four sons and five daughters. Albert helped her to run the country.

In 1861 Prince Albert died. This made the Queen very unhappy and for many years she only wore black clothes. She refused to live in London and instead, stayed in her country houses. This meant that the Queen was disliked by her people.

In 1887 Victoria had been queen for 50 years. A great party was held for her. Wearing a black dress, she was driven through the streets of London. The people cheered showing that they liked her again. Queen Victoria died in 1901.



Answer these questions:

Section A

- 1 When did Victoria become Queen?
- 2 Where was Victoria crowned?
- 3 Who did Queen Victoria marry?
- 4 How many children did she have?
- 5 When did Prince Albert die?
- 6 When had Victoria been Queen for 50 years?
- 7 When did Queen Victoria die?

Section B

- 1 Why do you think the Queen only wore black clothes after Albert died?
- 2 Why do you think the queen became disliked?

Section C

Carefully draw and colour a picture of Queen Victoria.

The Reign of Queen Victoria

Victoria became Queen on 20th June 1837, when she was 18 years old. The Archbishop of Canterbury hurried to Kensington Palace in the early morning to tell her that her uncle was dead and she was now the Queen of England. The people of Britain were delighted to have a young queen. Victoria was crowned on 28th June 1838. There was a ceremony held at Westminster Abbey.

Her cousin, Prince Albert, visited her in 1839 and they fell in love almost at once. They were married on 10th February 1840 in St. James' Palace. Between 1840 and 1857 she had nine children, four sons and five daughters. Albert was a very clever man and helped her to run the country.

In 1861 Prince Albert died. His death left the Queen very unhappy and for many years she only wore black clothes to show how she felt. She refused to live in London preferring to stay in her country houses. She also stopped appearing in public. This made the Queen very unpopular.

In 1887 Victoria completed 50 years as queen, and a great jubilee party was held for her. Wearing a black dress she was driven through the streets of London cheered by the people, now that she was seen in public again. Queen Victoria died on 22nd January 1901 having been on the English throne longer than any other king or queen.



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- 8 Where was Queen Victoria married?

Section B

- 1 Why do you think the Archbishop of Canterbury 'hurried' to Kensington Palace?
- 2 Why do you think the people of Britain were delighted to have a young queen?
- 3 Why do you think Victoria stopped appearing in public?
- 4 Why did this make her unpopular?

Section C

Carefully draw and colour a picture of Queen Victoria.

The Reign of Queen Victoria

Victoria became Queen on 20th June 1837, when she was 18 years old. The Archbishop of Canterbury and the Lord Chamberlain hurried to Kensington Palace in the early morning to tell her that William IV, her uncle, was dead and she was now the Queen of England. As she stood in her dressing gown and slippers, they knelt down, kissed her hand and saluted her as queen. The people of Britain were delighted to have a young queen after a succession of elderly and rather disreputable kings. Victoria was crowned on 28th June 1838. There was a great procession through London and a grand ceremony at Westminster Abbey.

At first she was very fond of quite frivolous pastimes. However, when her German cousin, Prince Albert, visited her in 1839 she fell in love with him almost at once. As it was not done for anyone to ask the queen to marry them, she proposed herself, something unheard of in those times! They were married on 10th February 1840 in the Chapel Royal at St. James's Palace. Between 1840 and 1857 she had nine children, four sons and five daughters. Albert was a very intelligent man and soon became a close adviser to the Queen.

Victoria was extremely fond of the highlands of Scotland and as the growing railways made travel much easier, she and Albert spent many holidays with their children at their house in Balmoral, in Aberdeenshire. They also built a house at Osborne on the Isle of Wight. The greatest grief in Victoria's life was in 1861 when Prince Albert died of typhoid fever. His death left the Queen deeply unhappy and for many years she only wore black clothes to show her grief. She refused to live in London preferring to shut herself away in her country houses. She also stopped going to public ceremonies. This made the Queen unpopular with her public.

In 1887 Victoria completed 50 years as queen, and a great jubilee was held for her. Wearing a black dress, she was driven through the streets of London cheered by her subjects now that she was seen in public again. Ten years later, another jubilee was held to celebrate 60 years of her reign. Queen Victoria died on 22nd January 1901 having reigned longer than any other English monarch.

In many ways Queen Victoria was a very stern woman, especially with her children. She is often remembered for the occasion when she described something she did not approve of by saying, "We are not amused!"



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- 8 Where was Queen Victoria married?
- 9 Where did the Queen have her country houses?

Section B

- 1 Why do you think the Archbishop of Canterbury 'hurried' to Kensington Palace?
- 2 Why do you think the people of Britain were delighted to have a young queen?
- 3 Why do you think Victoria stopped appearing in public?
- 4 Why did this make her unpopular?
- 5 Why do you think Victoria was on the throne for so long?
- 6 What is a 'frivolous pastime'?
- 7 What is a 'disreputable king'?

Section C

Carefully draw and colour a picture of Queen Victoria.