

Victorian timeline

1837	Queen Victoria inherits the throne aged 18
1838	Oliver Twist, by Charles Dickens, is published First practical photographic process invented by Louis Daguerre
1840s	Railway network rapidly expands
1840	Queen Victoria marries Prince Albert of Saxe-Coburg-Gotha
1842	Factory Act forbids the employment of children in coal mines
1845	Potato famine in Ireland
1847	Factory Act limits children's working hours to 10 per day
1850s	Crinoline is fashionable for women and girls
1851	The Great Exhibition opens in Hyde Park Isaac Singer invents the first practical domestic sewing machine
1855	Florence Nightingale goes to Scutari to nurse soldiers injured in the Crimean War (1854-1856)
1861	Prince Albert dies of typhoid
1863	First underground railway built in London The Water Babies, by Charles Kingsley, is published
1870	Education Act makes school compulsory for children aged 5-10 Dr. Barnado opens first home for poor boys in East End
1875	Telephone invented by Alexander Graham Bell
1877	Queen Victoria is proclaimed Empress of India
1879	Thomas Edison invents the electric light
1887	Queen Victoria's Golden Jubilee
1891	Schooling is made free for all
1894	First motor car is brought to Britain from Germany
1899	Boer War begins (ends 1902)
1901	Queen Victoria dies