

THE VICTORIAN ERA

Join Max the mouse on his journey through British history...

Woohoo! Welcome to the Victorian Age!

A period of amazing discoveries and inventions!

Check out my penny-farthing! Who needs horses?

O! I heard that!

After the troubled kings of the Georgian era, the nation embraced Queen Victoria, niece of William IV, who came to the throne in 1837. She married Prince Albert in 1840 and rarely were a royal couple so popular!

I think they like us!

Hooray! We love them!

Long live the Queen!

Yippee!

Victoria's reign oversaw exciting developments in transport and communication, including the safety bicycle in the 1880s. Before then, bikes didn't have pedals or brakes!

AAAAIEEE! Why didn't anyone tell me?

People could also send messages via electric charges called telegraphs. Before long, these developed into telephones!

A great system of railways developed, opening up Britain's vast Empire.

I hope you've packed your trunk!

In 1863, the first underground railway opened in London.

During this time, an explosion of inventions changed the world, including motorcars, lightbulbs, postage stamps and toilets!

Beep, beep!

The Royal Family themselves had a strong influence, including popularising Christmas trees. In those days they were decorated with candles!

So pretty!

Dops!

In 1851, Victoria and Albert held a Great Exhibition to show off Britain's great inventions and discoveries.

It was held in a big 'crystal palace' in Hyde Park.

On show were early fax machines, gas cookers, cameras and even false teeth!

With the money made from the exhibition, Albert built the Natural History Museum, Science Museum and Victoria & Albert Museum in South Kensington, London. The area became known as 'Albertopolis'!

I'm your Superman!

When Albert died, Victoria made sure the world never forgot him. Many monuments and buildings were dedicated to him.

Including the Royal Albert Hall! Anyone for the Proms?

During Victoria's reign, the British Empire became the biggest Empire ever, expanding all over the world. It was said that the sun never set on it.

Woop! Which means a lovely suntan for me!

Queen Victoria died in 1901, bringing an end to the Victorian era.

Who's joining me on my next time-travelling adventure?!