

Queen Victoria Primary Resource

This history primary resource introduces pupils to Queen Victoria. Learn all about the life of the monarch who took Britain from a mostly rural country to an industrialised nation. When was Queen Victoria born? When was she crowned Queen of the British Empire? How many children did Queen Victoria have?

In our National Geographic Kids primary resource sheet, pupils will discover the significant events that occurred during Queen Victoria's lifetime, from her early childhood to her death in 1901.

The teaching resource can be used in study group tasks and discussions about Queen Victoria and Victorian Britain. It can be used as a printed handout for each pupil to review and annotate, or for display on the interactive whiteboard for class discussion.

Activity:

Using the information in the primary resource, ask the pupils to design a crown in memory of Queen Victoria. Encourage the children to be as creative as possible and incorporate the significant people and events from the queen's life. Examples of things to include could be:

- Her date of birth
- The year she was crowned Queen of the British Empire
- The names of her children
- A map showing the British empire
- Words in the languages she spoke
- A drawing of her and her husband, Albert

Alternatively, have the pupils use the primary resource to make a Queen Victoria timeline. Given that she was the first monarch to travel by train, the timeline could be in the form of a Victorian train, with each window featuring a colourful drawing of a significant event/moment. These "train timelines" could be used as a part of a classroom display about Queen Victoria and/or the Victorian period.