

| 1837 | Victoria Becomes Queen <br> The beginning of Queen Victoria's 63year reign, making her the longest reigning monarch at the time. | At 18 years of age, Victoria became Queen. Her coronation took place at Westminster Abbey on the 28 ${ }^{\text {th }}$ of June, 1837. At the start of Queen Victoria's reign, many children had to work By the time the queen died, more children were able to go to school. Many inventions came to life during the Victoria era, including the telephone and electric bulb, railway network and even the Christmas card! The Queen's reign is known as the Victorian age. |
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| 1858 | The start of the Brilish Raj in India <br> India joined the Brilish Empire, joining many countries including Canada, Australia and New Zealand. | The British Empire began in the Late 1500s under Queen Elizabeth I. By 1913 the empire had grown to rule over 400 million people, making it the largest empire in history. British government and society benefitted economically from the empire. The people colonised by the British had British laws and customs imposed upon them. By 1877, Benjamin Disraeli, the Prime Minister, had Queen Victoria proclaimed as Empress of India. |
| 1859 | Charles Darwin published 'On the Origin of Species' <br> A work of scientific literature by Charles Darwin considered to be the foundation of evolutionary biology. | Evolution explains how better adapted organisms have an advantage and are more likely to have offspring with this same adaptation. Over many years this leads to the formation of new species. Evolutionary trees show how different species have evolved over time from common ancestors. |
| 1880 | Elementary Education Act <br> Education became compulsory for children under the age of 10 | The Victorian Workhouse was an institution that was intended to provide work and sheller for povertystricken people who had no means to support themselves. Children, especially orphans, were forced to work in gruesome and dangerous conditions. However, in 1880, the Elementary Education Act required school boards to enforce compulsory altendance from 5 to 10 years and permitted them to set a standard which children were required to reach before they could be employed. |
| 1901 | The date that Queen Victoria died, ending the Victorian era. |  |

