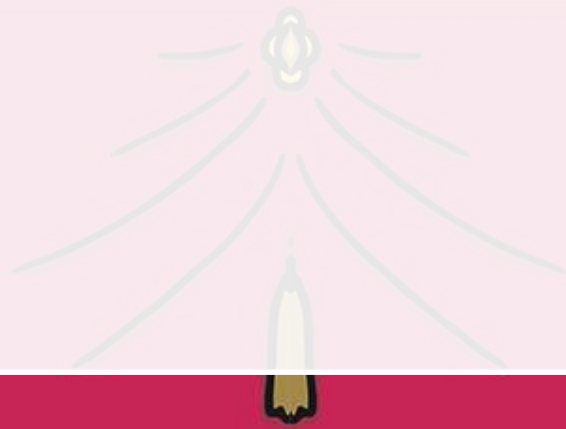


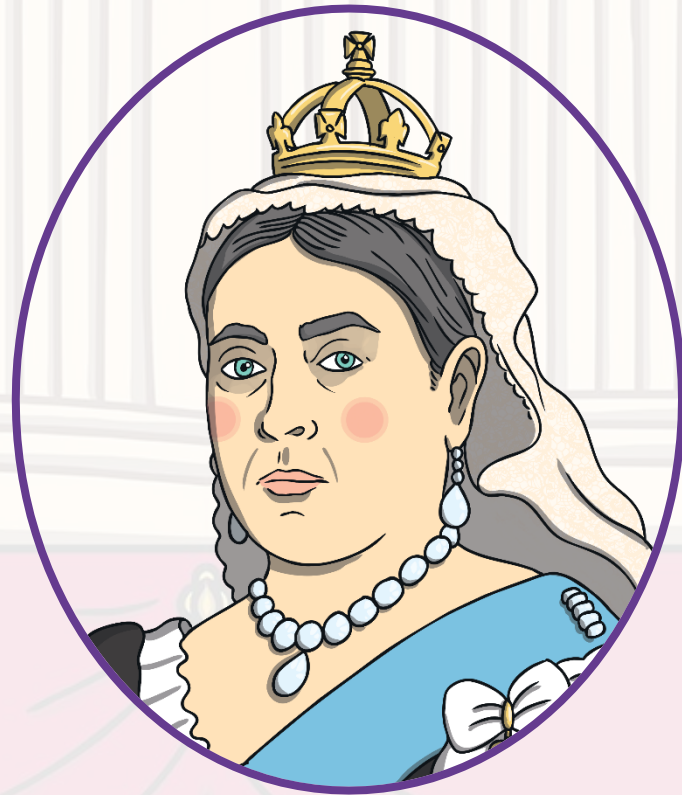
Topic – Castles

Queen Victoria – Researching the life of Queen Victoria



Who was Queen Victoria?

- Queen Victoria is one of the most famous monarchs in British history.
- She is so famous that a period of history is named after her: The Victorians.



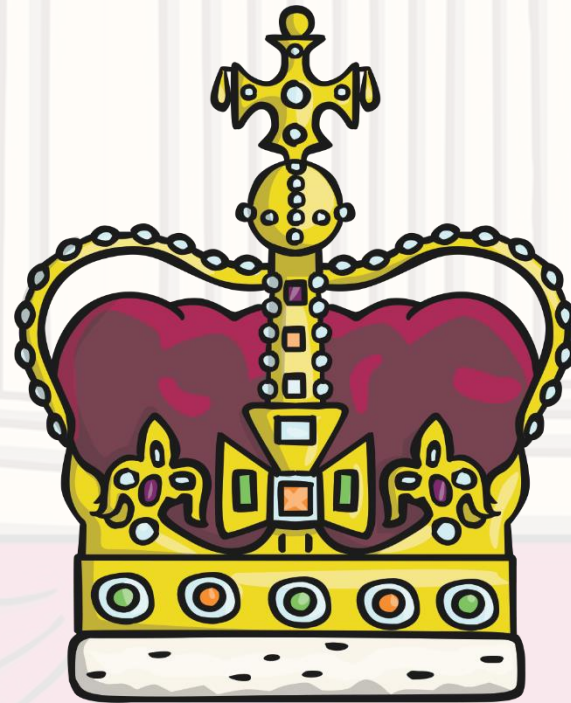
Childhood

- Victoria was born on 24th May 1819 in London.
- Her father, Edward, Duke of Kent died in 1820, when she was only a baby.
- She lived in Kensington Palace with her mother, Victoria, Duchess of Kent.
- Victoria didn't go to school but had a tutor teach her at home.
- Victoria could speak many languages, including German, French and Italian.



Family

- Queen Victoria's father, Edward, was the son of King George III.
- After George III and his successor, George IV, Victoria's uncle became King William IV.
- William had no surviving children who could become the next king or queen after he died so Victoria became her uncle's heir.



Early Reign

- Victoria became queen in 1837 aged 18.
- Her coronation was on 28th June 1838 at Westminster Abbey. It lasted for 5 hours and was a spectacular event.
- She married Prince Albert in 1840 and together they had nine children.
- Sadly, Albert died in 1861 aged just 42. Victoria was so upset by his death she wore black clothing for the rest of her life.



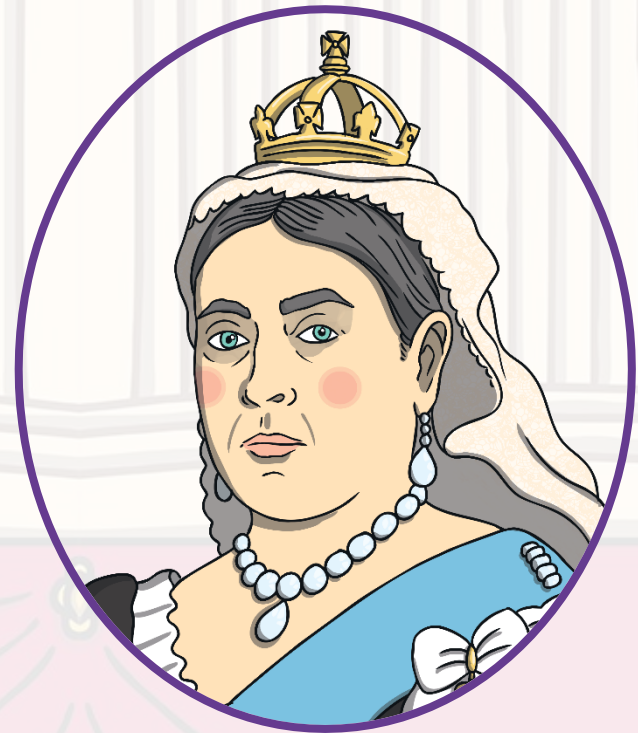
Children



- Queen Victoria had four sons and five daughters.
- The names of her children were Victoria, Albert, Alice, Alfred, Helena, Louise, Arthur, Leopold and Beatrice.
- Queen Victoria also had 42 grandchildren.

Life as Queen

- Queen Victoria reigned for 63 years and 7 months. She reigned longer than any king or queen before her. She is still the second longest reigning monarch after Queen Elizabeth II, who passed her record on 9th September 2015.
- During her reign, Victoria oversaw 10 Prime Ministers in the UK and many more in other countries she ruled around the world.



The British Empire



- Queen Victoria ruled a huge empire that spread around the world.
- The Empire was made up of lots of countries, including Canada, Australia, New Zealand, India and Jamaica.
- In 1876, Victoria also became Empress of India.

Interesting Facts

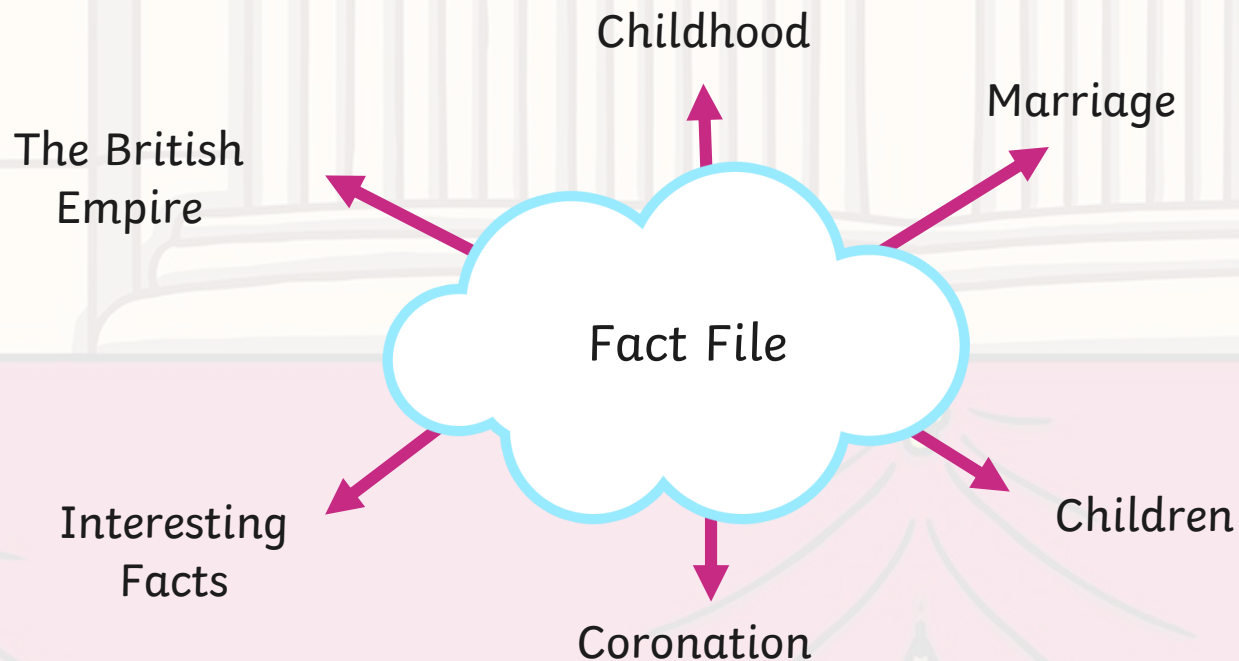
- In 1842, Victoria rode on a train for the first time, from London to Windsor.
- Victoria was very small, only about 5ft tall.
- Victoria's name is actually Alexandrina Victoria but was always just known as Victoria. Her family often called her 'Drina'.
- Victoria is known as the 'Grandmother of Europe' as many of her children and grandchildren married into other European royal families.



Task

Your task is to research Queen Victoria.

Think about the interesting facts you might want to include, such as:



Keep your research safe for next week.