

# Was the Victorian British Empire something 'great'?

## Type of History



Social



Religious



Economic

## Golden Thread Concepts

### Religion

Beliefs

Conflict

Power

Exploration

Invasion

Conquer

### Economy

Trade

Trade routes

Leadership

Monarchy

Empire

### Society

Peasantry

Class systems

Migration

Development

of cities

Advancement

Exploration

Revolution

## Secondary Concepts



Historical significance



Cause and consequence



Similarity and difference

## Links to the Rights of the Child



## Links to British Values



## When?



9500-4000 BCE  
Human  
occupation of  
Britain began  
(Stone Age)



2300-800  
BCE  
Bronze  
Age Britain



1200-323  
BCE  
Ancient  
Greece



800 BCE  
- 50 CE  
Iron Age  
Britain



753 BCE  
- 476 CE  
Roman  
Empire



410 CE  
Anglo  
Saxon  
invasion



793 CE  
Viking  
invasion



1485-1603  
CE  
The Tudor  
dynasty



1605 CE  
The  
Gunpowder  
Plot



1819-  
1901 CE  
Victorian  
England



1888 CE  
Port  
Sunlight  
Soap Works  
opened



1914-1918  
CE  
WW1



1939-1945  
CE  
WW2

## Key Vocabulary

|                       |  |
|-----------------------|--|
| Colony                | A group of people from one country who build a settlement in another territory or land |
| Empire                | A group of territories ruled by one single ruler or state                              |
| Industrial Revolution | A period of major changes in the way products are made                                 |
| Migration             | The movement of a person or people from one place to settle in another                 |
| Nation                | A country and its people   |
| Rural                 | An area of land that has few buildings and a low population density                    |
| Urban                 | An area where many people live and work  |
| Urbanisation          | More areas become cities and fewer are small towns or farmland                         |

## Where?



## Who?

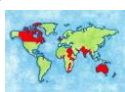


Queen  
Victoria



Dr Duncan

## What?



The British Empire refers to the places around the world that were once ruled by Britain. During the Victorian era, Britain expanded its territory throughout the world and became the largest, richest and most powerful empire in world history. A quarter of the world's population lived in the empire.



The Industrial Revolution caused many people to move from the countryside to the cities for work. This resulted in overcrowding, poor sanitation and the spread of disease. Liverpool expanded as a consequence.



The Roman Empire lasted for roughly 500 years. Alexander the Great's empire lasted for 13 years. The Victorian control of the British Empire lasted for nearly 70 years. Many inventions were created during this time and shaped the world that we know today.



Trade was the main reason for the expansion of the empire. Goods were imported and exported across the empire. People in Britain were keen to purchase 'exotic' items from across the empire. Advancements were made in communication and transportation systems.



The rich and poor had very different life experiences in the Victorian era. Lots of poorer people flocked to cities looking for jobs. The growth of industry helped the rich get richer as they sold goods at high prices but paid the workers low wages.



Britain's cities, such as Liverpool, were not prepared for the influx in people migrating to cities in such a short period of time. The working class usually lived in very poor conditions. Dr Duncan's work showed the link between poor living conditions and the spread of diseases.



The Victorians were largely very religious and mostly followed different branches of Christianity. Many believed it was their duty to spread Christianity around the empire and 'civilize' colonial populations.



Historians remain divided on the British Empire but many view it as having a significant negative impact on people around the world. Historical interpretations have been shaped by different sources of evidence and these can change depending on new evidence being discovered.