

Victorian England (c.1837-1901)

Key Dates

1688: "Glorious Revolution"; House of Stuart (Catholic, Absolutist) out; House of Orange (Protestant, Constitutional) in (William and Mary); (From 1714: House of Hanover - The Georges)

1707: Union of England and Scotland: "Great Britain"; Last Pro-Stuart ("Jacobite," from James Stuart) Rebellion, 1745 - 46

1776: American Revolution Begins

1789: French Revolution Begins

1798: Irish Rebellion: Crushed

1801: Act of Union Creating United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland

1793 - 1815: Wars with Napoleonic France; During same period: Conquests in India (Eastern Empire to replace western)

1832: First Reform Bill

1834: "New Poor Law"

1837: Victoria Crowned

1846: Repeal of Corn Laws; Mid-late 1840s: Irish Famine, "Hungry Forties"

1851: "Great Exhibition"

1855: Crimean War (Britain vs. Russia)

1857: Indian "Mutiny" (or "Rebellion")

1867: 2nd Reform Bill

1870: Education Act

1880s - 90s: Expansion of Empire: Africa

1901: Death of Victoria

1914 - 18: World War I