

# Oliver Twist, by Charles Dickens

## Chapter 9 (2). London Bridge



Read the text below and find out about the Victorian Age. Fill in the gaps with the correct **past tense** of the verbs in the box below:

rule   become   become   leave   replace   light   grow   create   be   cover

Queen Victoria (0) longer than any other British monarch: 63 years! During her reign Great Britain (1) the richest and most powerful nation in the world. At that time, the British Empire (2) one-fifth of the earth's land area with about 370 million people. There (3) many important changes in the way people lived and worked during the Victorian Age. Many people (4) the countryside to work in factories in the big cities. The train (5) the carriage and electricity (6) streets, homes and public buildings. In other parts of the world photography, telephones and cars (7) part of everyday life. Commerce and industry (8) rapidly and (9) lot of wealth.

