

# Queen Victoria

Queen Victoria is the second longest reigning British monarch in history. She \_\_\_\_\_ (be) Queen from June, 1837 until her death in January, 1901.

She \_\_\_\_\_ (be) born on May 24, 1819 and \_\_\_\_\_ (marry) her first cousin, Prince Albert I in 1840. The couple \_\_\_\_\_ (have) 9 children, all of whom \_\_\_\_\_ (marry) into European royal families, and Victoria \_\_\_\_\_ (be) often known as the grandmother of Europe. Although she \_\_\_\_\_ (have) 9 children, Victoria \_\_\_\_\_ (be) never happy at having to go through the experience of giving birth.



She \_\_\_\_\_ (be) the first monarch to live at Buckingham Palace in London. Queen Victoria's coronation \_\_\_\_\_ (take) place on June 28, 1838.

Queen Victoria \_\_\_\_\_ (be) a prolific writer and \_\_\_\_\_ (write) about 2.500 words every day during her adult life. Although some of her diaries \_\_\_\_\_ (be) accidentally destroyed, many of these 122 volumes \_\_\_\_\_ (survive) to this day.

Victoria \_\_\_\_\_ (not smoke) and \_\_\_\_\_ (have) "no smoking" signs \_\_\_\_\_ (place) in almost all the rooms in the palace. She also \_\_\_\_\_ (not like) using the newly invented telephone.

She \_\_\_\_\_ (enjoy) looking at art and \_\_\_\_\_ (be) quite a talented artist herself. On several birthdays and anniversaries, she \_\_\_\_\_ (give) her husband a painting depicting nude, or near nude women.

Although the common image of Queen Victoria is of a serious looking woman, she \_\_\_\_\_ (have) her fun side. She \_\_\_\_\_ (enjoy) a good joke, going to opera, dancing and playing piano.

Queen Victoria \_\_\_\_\_ (be) devastated when her husband \_\_\_\_\_ (die) in December, 1861. From that day on, she \_\_\_\_\_ (wear) only black and \_\_\_\_\_ (be) in permanent state of mourning.

During her reign, there \_\_\_\_\_ (be) at least 7 attempts to kill her. Several of the assassins \_\_\_\_\_ (be) sent to a mental asylum and \_\_\_\_\_ (be) declared insane.

Queen Victoria \_\_\_\_\_ (can) speak several languages, including Urdu and Hindustani. Although she never \_\_\_\_\_ (visit) Canada, she \_\_\_\_\_ (declare) Ottawa to be the capital of the province.

\_\_\_\_\_ (name) after the Queen, the Victoria Cross \_\_\_\_\_ (be) introduced in 1856 for acts of bravery during the Crimean War. Today, it is still the highest award for bravery, not only in Britain, but in Canada and Australia.



Although she \_\_\_\_\_ (treat) her stuff well, she \_\_\_\_\_ (not care) for Prime Minister Gladstone. Often, she \_\_\_\_\_ (will) remain standing so that he \_\_\_\_\_ (have) to stand too, despite the fact that he \_\_\_\_\_ (be) in his 80s.



The Penny Black, the first adhesive postage stamp, \_\_\_\_\_ (be) released in Britain on 1<sup>st</sup> May 1840. It \_\_\_\_\_ (be) designed by William Mulready and \_\_\_\_\_ (show) Queen Victoria in profile.

In the UK, hundreds of streets and squares \_\_\_\_\_ (be) named after her, and there are many statues of her. London's Victoria train station is named after her, as well as the Victoria and Albert Museum of Art and Design.

Victoria Falls in Africa are named after Queen Victoria.

Many other places around the world are also named after her, including Lake Victoria, the largest lake in Africa, the capital of Seychelles Islands, several Canadian cities and two states in Australia.

Queen Victoria's reign is also known as The Victorian Era or the Victorian Period.

