

## Queen Victoria

**Queen Victoria ruled in Britain from 1837-1901.** This time is also called the Victorian era. She ruled with her husband, Prince Albert, until he died in 1861. They had nine children.

**Victoria was queen for 64 years.** Until September 2015 she was the longest-reigning monarch that Britain ever had; that record is now held by Queen Elizabeth II.

Eight of her nine children married other royals in Europe, so **some people call Victoria the 'grandmother of Europe'**. She was a very popular queen.

### Top 10 Facts

1. Victoria was queen from 24 May 1837-22 January 1901 – that's almost 64 years!
2. Victoria's full name was Alexandrina Victoria.
3. Victoria's mum and her mum's friend, John Conroy, set up strict rules that Victoria had to follow as she grew up – these rules were called the Kensington System.
4. **Victoria married her cousin, Prince Albert, in 1840.**
5. Victoria and Albert had nine children, including Prince Albert Edward who became King Edward VII after Victoria died.
6. Her husband Albert died in 1861 from typhoid fever, and Victoria never stopped mourning for him; she wore black clothes for the rest of her life.
7. **Victoria was queen during the time with the British Empire expanded to include India.** She became the Empress of India in 1867.
8. Christmas traditions such as buying a Christmas tree and sending cards became popular thanks to Queen Victoria and her family!
9. Victoria died on 22 January 1901, and is buried with Prince Albert at Windsor Palace.
10. Queen Victoria is Queen Elizabeth II's great-great-grandmother.

