

Queen Victoria

Queen Victoria came to the throne when she was only 18 years old. Her reign was the longest in British history and was she was Queen for over 64 years!



1. How old was Queen Victoria when she came to the throne?

17 years old

18 years old

21 years old

25 years old

2. What was special about Queen Victoria's reign?

Victoria's Childhood

Victoria was part of the German family who came from Hanover. It is for this reason that, until she was 3 years old, Victoria could only speak German!

3. Why did Victoria speak only German until she was three years old?

At the age of 3, Victoria began to learn to speak both English and French. Later in her life, Victoria also learned to speak Hindustani because she became ruler of India as well.

4. Which languages did Victoria begin to learn when she was three years old?

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French _____

Italian _____

Dutch _____

Spanish _____

English _____

Russian _____

5. Why did Queen Victoria learn to speak Hindustani?

Victoria never attended school and was educated at home. Her days were filled with lessons in languages, writing, music, history, drawing, arithmetic, geography and religion. Victoria loved her animals and when she was not studying, she enjoyed playing with her pets – especially her dear dog, Dash.

6. Where was Queen Victoria educated?

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At school.

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At home.

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At church.

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In Germany

7. What was the name of Victoria's pet dog?

Becoming the Queen

Victoria was only 18 years old when she became queen. When she was born, Victoria was only fifth in line to the throne so there seemed little chance of her ever becoming queen. Sadly, one by one, those in front of her died. This meant that when her uncle, King William IV died in 1837, Victoria was his rightful successor.

8. How old was Victoria when she became queen?

21 years old

16 years old

18 years old

22 years old

9. Who was King before Victoria became Queen?

Victoria was crowned on 28th June, 1838. Her coronation was held at Westminster Abbey and was a huge occasion.

10. When was Victoria crowned?

11. Where was Victoria's coronation held?

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Buckingham
Palace.

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Windsor Castle

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York Minster

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Westminster
Abbey

4000 visitors went to London to see Princess Victoria become Queen. The streets were lined with loyal subjects excited to see their new Queen pass by on her grand procession.

12. How many visitors came to London to see Princess Victoria become Queen?

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Three thousand

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Five thousand

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Four thousand

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Two thousand

13. Who watched the Queen on her grand procession?

A Royal Wedding

When she became queen it was very important for Victoria to marry as soon as possible in order to produce heirs.

Fortunately, Victoria had already met and fallen in love with her future husband.

14. Why did Victoria need to marry as soon as possible after she became Queen?

At the age of 17, Victoria was introduced to her German cousin, Prince Albert. The couple soon fell in love and in those days, it was common for members of the royal family to marry their cousins. At that time, British law said that no man was allowed to propose to the queen, so Victoria had to ask for Albert's hand in marriage! Of course, Albert agreed and on 10th February, 1840, the couple married in a glittering ceremony at St. James's Palace, London.

15. At what age did Victoria first meet Prince Albert?

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Age sixteen

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Age seventeen

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Age twenty

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Age eighteen

16. Why wasn't Prince Albert allowed to propose to Queen Victoria?

Queen Victoria's Children

Victoria and Albert had a happy marriage and had nine children together. There were five daughters and four sons. Their names were Vicky, Edward, Alice, Alfred, Helena, Louise, Arthur, Leopold and Beatrice.

17. How many daughters did Queen Victoria have?

Four

Nine

Five

Three

18. How did children did Queen Victoria have altogether?

The Death of Prince Albert

Sadly, in 1861, after 21 happy years of marriage, Prince Albert died of typhoid fever.

Queen Victoria was devastated by the death of Prince Albert and mourned him for the rest of her life.

From the time of his death to the time of her own, Victoria was never seen wearing any colour other than black!

19. When did Prince Albert die?

20. What colour clothing did Victoria always wear after her husband's death?

Blue

Purple

Black

Yellow

The Longest Reign

Following the death of her husband, Victoria continued to reign as queen for a further 40 years until her death in 1901. Her reign was the longest in British history and lasted exactly 63 years, 7 months and 2 days.

20. When did Queen Victoria die?

1801

1910

1901

1091

21. Exactly how long was Victoria's reign?
