

- 1807 – **Abolition of the Slave Trade Act** (abolished slavery in Britain)
- 1823 – **Rugby invented at Rugby School**
- 1825 – **First passenger train launched**
- 1832 – **1832 Reform Act** – one in 7 adult men had the vote, dependent upon property
- 1833 – **First Factory Act** limited the hours that children in the textile industry were allowed to work
- 1834 – **Poor Law Amendment Act** – poor relief became a public responsibility
- 1837 – **Victoria crowned as Queen of England**, aged 19
- 1837 – **Oliver Twist by Charles Dickens** was published
- 1840 – **Queen Victoria married Prince Albert**
- 1840 – **Issue of the 'Penny Black'**, the world's first adhesive postage stamp.
- 1844 – **Second Factory Act** – children to work no more than 6 and a half hours a day.
- 1845 – **The Irish Famine** – millions of people died or emigrated to America when the Irish potato crop failed
- 1848 – **Revolutions swept across Europe**
- 1851 – **The Great Exhibition** at Crystal Palace, South East London
- 1853 – **Compulsory Smallpox vaccination for children**
- 1854-1856 – **The Crimean War** where Florence Nightingale and Mary Seacole looked after injured soldiers
- 1856 – **A National Police Force** was established.
- 1859 – **Charles Darwin** published *The Origin of the Species*
- 1860s – **The 'boneshaker'**, one of the first bicycles, appeared on the roads.
- 1861 – **Prince Albert died** and Queen Victoria wore black for the rest of her life.
- 1863 – **Football Association formed**
- 1864 – **Brunel's Clifton Suspension Bridge completed.** At the time it was the world's longest bridge
- 1864 – **The Regulation of Chimney Sweepers** banned boys under 10 from working as chimney sweeps.
- 1865 – **Alice's Adventures in Wonderland** by Lewis Carroll was published
- 1867 – **The 1867 Reform Act** – about 1,500,000 adult men had the vote
- 1869 – **Joseph Lister invented antiseptics**
- 1868 – **Public Executions were abolished**
- 1870 – **Forster's Education Act** – no child to be denied an education
- 1871 – **The Matchgirls' Union Strike** – over 1400 match factory workers protested against dangerous factory conditions.
- 1875 – **Invention of the telephone** by Alexander Graham Bell
- 1877 – **First Wimbledon tennis championship**
- 1878 – **Electric Lightbulb invented** by Joseph Swan
- 1880-1902 – **The Boer Wars** in South Africa
- 1880 – **Compulsory Education** up to the age of 10 was introduced
- 1880s – **Jack the Ripper stalked the East End of London**
- 1884 – **The 1884 Reform Act** – gave the vote to about 6,000,000 more adult men
- 1887 – **The Suffragette Movement** was established to campaign for women to have the vote
- 1889 – **The Children's Charter** made it illegal to treat a child cruelly
- 1901 – **Queen Victoria dies.** She had ruled longer than any other British Monarch.