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*Welcome to topic # 106... Today we will be
looking at the Victorian era...*



WHEN QUEEN VICTORIA ASCENDED THE BRITISH THRONE IN 1837, IT MARKED THE BEGINNING OF A PROMISING NEW AGE - THE VICTORIAN ERA.



THE PRECEDING GEORGIAN ERA HAD LASTED FROM
1714 TO 1830, FROM THE REIGN OF GEORGE I
THROUGH GEORGE IV.



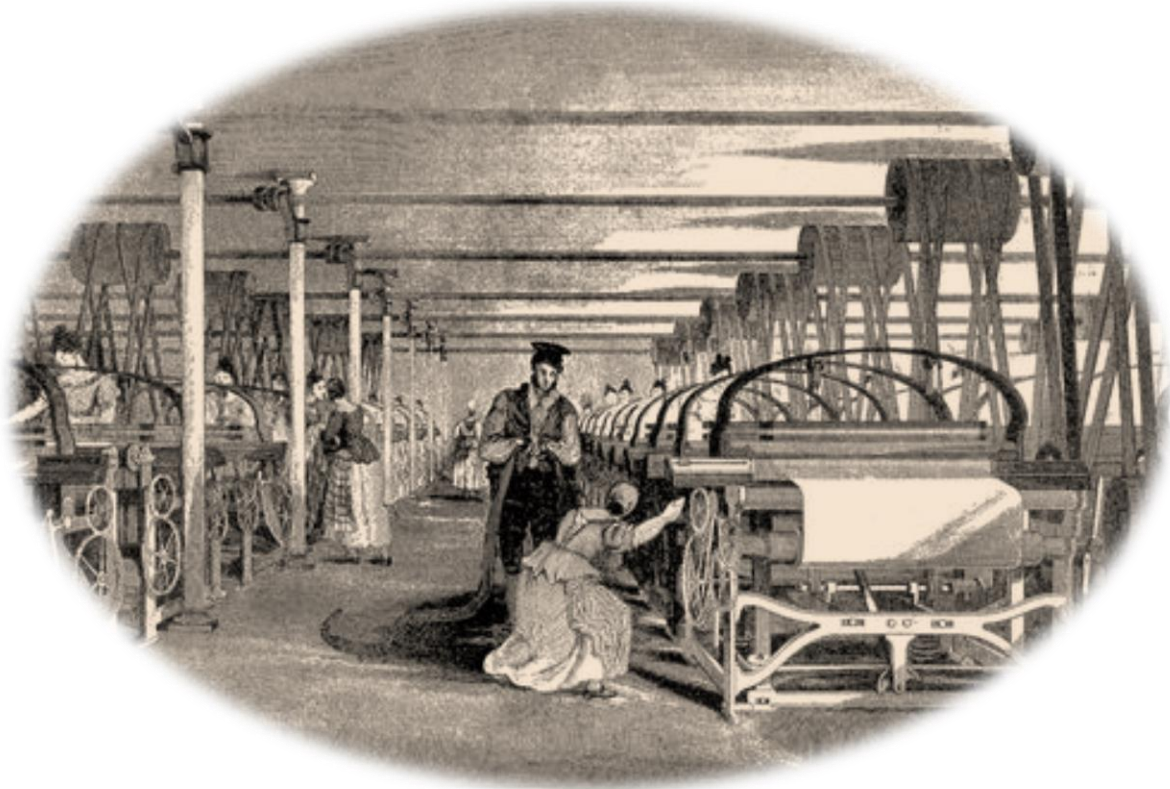
**THOSE WHO COULD SEE INTO THE FUTURE WOULD
HAVE BEEN EXCITED TO SEE THE DAWN OF A LONG
PERIOD OF PEACE AND PROSPERITY IN ENGLAND
UNDER QUEEN VICTORIA.**



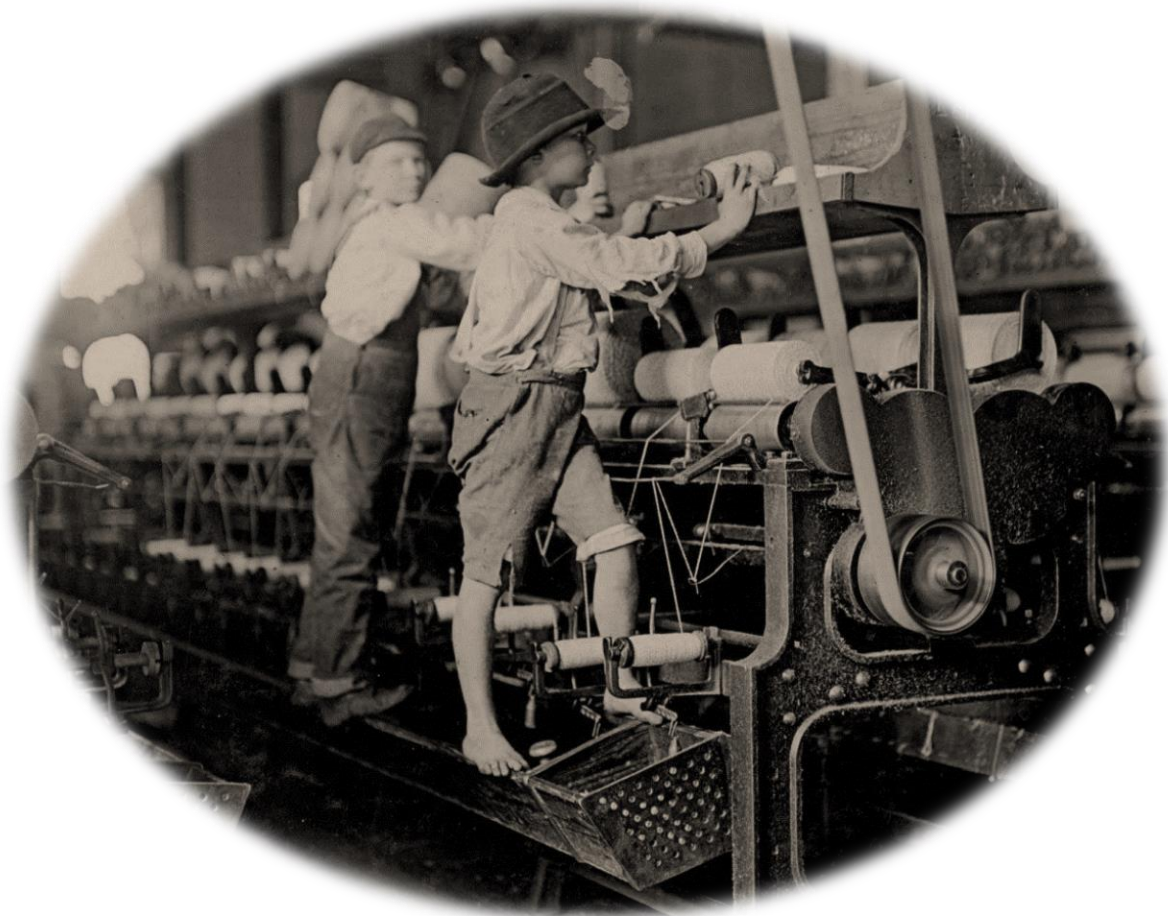
AS THE BRITISH EMPIRE EXPANDED TO COVER MORE THAN A QUARTER OF THE GLOBE, IT MADE BRITAIN THE MOST POWERFUL NATION IN THE WORLD.



**THE PRECEDING YEARS OF THE INDUSTRIAL
REVOLUTION HAD LED TO THE MASS PRODUCTION
OF GOODS...**



*...MAKING THEM FAR MORE AFFORDABLE FOR
COMMON PEOPLE, BUT LIFE FOR MILL WORKERS
WAS HARSH.*





DURING THE VICTORIAN ERA IN ENGLAND, LAW-MAKERS AND TRADE UNIONS BEGAN TO ADDRESS AND IMPROVE WORKING CONDITIONS, PARTICULARLY FOR CHILD LABOR.



THEY EVENTUALLY MADE IT ILLEGAL FOR
CHILDREN TO WORK MORE THAN 69 HOURS
PER WEEK!



AS LIVING STANDARDS IMPROVED THROUGHOUT THE VICTORIAN PERIOD, BIRTH RATES INCREASED.



LACK OF WAR AND FAMINE COUPLED WITH IMPROVED HEALTH STANDARDS MEANT THAT THE POPULATION EXPLODED FROM 13.8 MILLION IN ENGLAND IN 1831, TO 32.5 MILLION BY 1901.



MIDDLE CLASS ENGLAND GREW RAPIDLY AND
THE UPPER CLASS, WHICH WAS FORMERLY
PURELY HEREDITARY, CAME TO INCLUDE THE
NOUVEAU RICHE...



*...WHO MADE FORTUNES FROM SUCCESSFUL
COMMERCIAL ENTERPRISES.*



HOWEVER, A LARGE PROPORTION OF VICTORIAN SOCIETY WAS STILL WORKING CLASS...



...AND THEY REMAINED DISGRUNTLED AT THE SOCIAL INEQUALITY AND EVENTUALLY SOUGHT REFORM.



RAILWAYS CONTINUED TO DEVELOP, OFFERING MASS TRANSIT FOR CITY DWELLERS WHO WERE ABLE TO SPEND TIME OFF VISITING THE SEASIDE AND PARTICIPATING IN THE NEW PASTIME OF SEA BATHING.



**FROM BRIGHTON TO BRIDLINGTON FASHIONABLE
SEASIDE RESORTS SPRANG UP.**



**BOARDING HOUSES WERE BUILT ALONG THE
SEAFRONTS OF TOWNS NEAR TO INDUSTRIALIZED
AREAS SUCH AS LONDON, MANCHESTER, LEEDS
AND THE NORTHWEST OF ENGLAND.**



IN LONDON, THE WORLD'S FIRST UNDERGROUND RAILWAY, NICKNAMED THE TUBE, OPENED IN 1862.



POLITICALLY, DURING THE VICTORIA ERA, THE HOUSE OF COMMONS HAD TWO MAIN POLITICAL PARTIES: THE TORIES AND THE WHIGS.



BY THE MID 19TH CENTURY THE WHIGS WERE KNOWN AS THE LIBERAL PARTY AND THE TORIES WERE THE CONSERVATIVE PARTY.



**THE LABOR PARTY ONLY CAME INTO BEING
IN 1900.**



PRINCE ALBERT WAS A KEEN SUPPORTER OF THE
ARTS AND LONDON BLOSSOMED UNDER HIS
PATRONAGE WITH THE BUILDING OF THE ROYAL
ALBERT HALL...



**...THE ROYAL OPERA HOUSE, THE SCIENCE MUSEUM,
THE NATURAL HISTORY MUSEUM AND THE
VICTORIA AND ALBERT MUSEUM.**

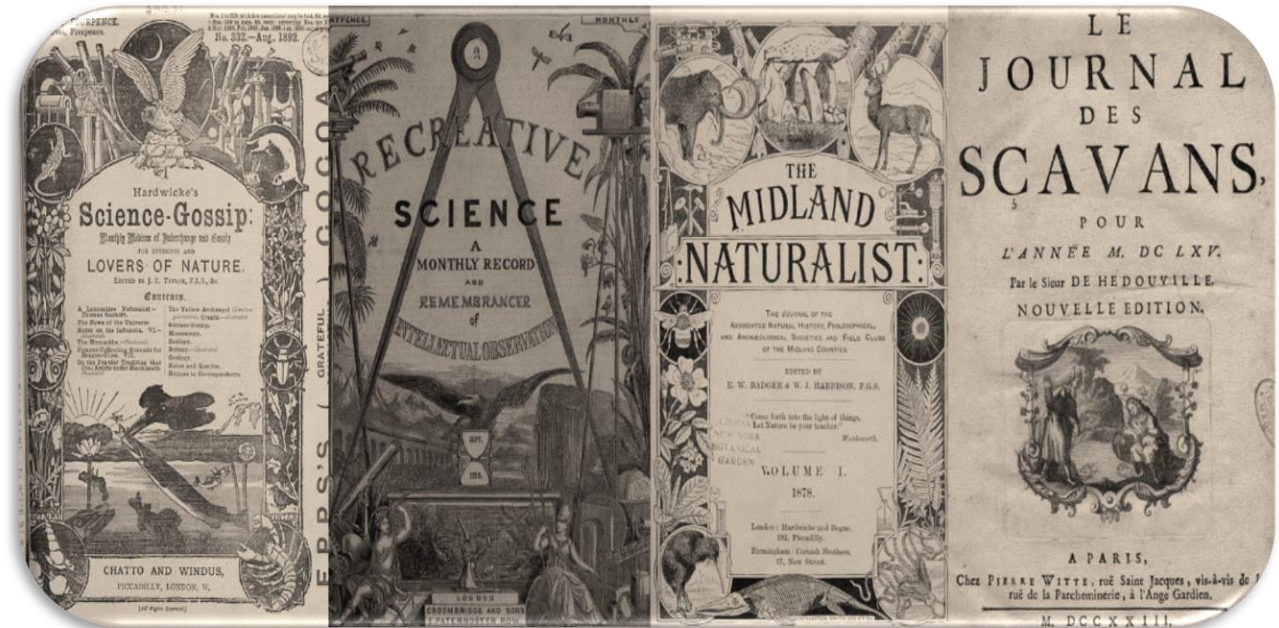




POETRY, LITERATURE AND ART FLOURISHED WITH
THE BRONTE SISTERS, GEORGE ELIOT, OSCAR
WILDE, RUDYARD KIPLING AND CHARLES DICKENS
PUBLISHING POPULAR WORKS.



SCIENTIFICALLY, THE VICTORIAN ERA ALSO SAW
HUGE SUCCESS.



**DARWIN PUBLISHED HIS THEORY OF EVOLUTION
AND THE GREAT EXHIBITION OF 1851...**



...SHOWCASED MANY INDUSTRIAL AND TECHNOLOGICAL ADVANCES IN THE SPECIALLY BUILT CRYSTAL PALACE.



**SIGMUND FREUD DEVELOPED MODERN
PSYCHIATRY AND KARL MARX DEVELOPED HIS
NEW ECONOMIC THEORY.**



THE VICTORIAN ERA IN GREAT BRITAIN WAS A TIME OF GREAT CHANGE AND PROGRESS AND IS STILL CONSIDERED THE BIRTH OF MODERN TIMES.



SO, WE HAVE COMPLETED TOPIC # 106 IN OUR SERIES...

IN TOPIC # 107, WE WILL BE LOOKING AT THE RURAL LIFE DURING THE VICTORIAN PERIOD.



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