

# Women History



*Young Queen Victoria  
in 1842*



*Queen Victoria  
in 1897.*

## Queen Victoria

Victoria was born in 1819, the daughter of Prince Edward, Duke of Kent and his wife. Prince Edward was the son of King George III.

Victoria's father and grandfather, the king, both died in 1820. After both of Victoria's uncles died, Victoria became queen of the United Kingdom in 1837. She was just 18 years old.

In 1840, Victoria married Prince Albert. They had nine children before he died in 1861. Victoria was very sad when he died and would not go out in public for three years.

The United Kingdom had grown during Victoria's time on the throne. There were many countries that belonged to the British Empire. In 1857, Britain gained control of India. In 1876, a law was passed giving Victoria the title of Empress of India.

Because of the laws in the United Kingdom, Victoria did not have a lot of power. But she was very intelligent and could persuade people to her point of view.

In 1897 Victoria celebrated 60 years on the throne. In 1901, after over 63 years as queen, Victoria died. Her eldest son, Edward,



*Balmoral Castle in Scotland, which  
Victoria and Albert bought in 1852*

Who was Victoria's father?

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How many years was Victoria queen?

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What new title did Victoria get in 1876?

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Whom did Victoria marry?

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