

# Year 5 Merlins

## History

### Summer 2

## The Victorian Age



### Cholera



Cholera outbreaks were dangerous in Victorian Britain – it took politicians and doctors a long time to discover the cause of the outbreaks. Unsanitary, crowded slums and poor living conditions were factors which increased the spread of the disease.

Key Vocabulary	Definition
Balmoral	Balmoral is a place in Scotland. It is a residence of Queen Victoria.
cholera	Cholera is a bacterial infection that causes severe diarrhoea and dehydration and can be fatal if untreated. There were four major outbreaks of cholera that occurred in London between 1832 and 1866.
coronation	The ceremony of crowning a sovereign or a sovereign's consort.
Diamond Jubilee	The sixtieth anniversary of a notable event.
'Great Exhibition'	The first international exhibition of the products of industry, promoted by Prince Albert and held in the Crystal Palace in London in 1851.
imperialism	A policy of extending a country's power and influence through diplomacy or military force.
industrialisation	The development of industries in a country or region on a wide scale.
parliament	The group of people who make or change a country's laws.
patron	A person who gives financial or other support to a person, organisation, cause, or activity.
Poor Law	A law relating to the support of the poor. Originally the responsibility of the parish, the relief and employment of the poor passed over to the workhouses in 1834.
slum	A squalid and overcrowded urban street or district inhabited by very poor people.
unemployment	The state of being unemployed – not having a job.
urbanisation	The process of making an area more urban. In the Victorian age, many towns were growing and expanding and more people moved into them.

### The Poor Law (1834)

This poster shows that not everybody was in favour of the changes in the Poor Law which moved the responsibility from the parish (church) to the workhouse.



### Queen Victoria and Prince Albert



Reigned from  
1837-1901  
(ruled for  
Almost  
64 years)



German prince  
who married  
Queen Victoria  
in 1840.

### Timeline of Key Events

1834	1837	1840	1851	1851	1861	1877	1901
The Poor Law is passed, reforming the poor and unemployed relief.	Queen Victoria ascends to the throne.	Queen Victoria marries Albert.	For the first time ever, more of the country lives in towns.	The Great Exhibition begins.	Prince Albert (Queen Victoria's husband) dies.	Queen Victoria is named Empress of India.	Queen Victoria dies, ending the Victorian period.