



When - Timeline of key events

1833	Slavery is abolished in the British Empire.
1837	Queen Victoria is crowned aged 18.
1841	Britain occupied the Island of Hong Kong.
1848	Cholera arrived in British towns.
1853-1856	The Crimean War.
1858	India came under direct British government control.
1870	Over 100,000 steam engines were at work in Britain.
1875	A law was passed that banned boys from climbing chimneys to clean them.
1876	Queen Victoria declared as the Empress of India.
1878	Britain occupied Cyprus.
1901	Queen Victoria died aged 81.

Key Vocabulary and Phrases

Slavery	A relationship where one person has absolute power over another. They control their life, freedom and wealth.
Occupy	To seize possession of and maintain control over other countries forcibly.
Colony	A distant territory belonging to or under the control of a nation.
Empire	A group of countries ruled over by a single monarch or ruling power.
Cholera	An infectious disease usually caused by eating food or drinking water that is unclean. Can be fatal.
Crimean War	The Crimean War was fought between 1853 and 1856. It was fought in the Crimea, an area in the south of Russia.
Empress	A woman who rules an empire.
Industrial Revolution	A time of great change in Great Britain between 1750 and 1900.
Invention	Something new which is created, can be an object or an idea.