

Knowledge Organiser Y2: How was life different in England under the reigns of Queen Victoria compared to Queen Elizabeth II?

Queen Victoria

Life: born in 1819, died in 1901

Reigned: from 1837 to 1901

Title: Queen of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and Empress of India



Key information

- She married Prince Albert in 1840 and they had 9 children.
- Her husband died in 1861 and she was so sad she wore black for the rest of her life.
- She became the longest reigning queen in history.



What was life in England like during her reign?

Schools

Children learned the 3Rs (Reading, writing and arithmetic).

Punishments included the cane, finger stocks and the dunce's hat.



Home



Victorian houses had no electricity.

They had to wash all their clothes by hand.



They often had to share toilets to the streets were very smelly!

Toys

Wooden or glass toys



Punch and Judy



Queen Elizabeth

Life: born in 1926

Reigned: from 1952 to now

Title: Queen of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland



Key information

- She married Prince Philip in 1947 and they had 4 children.
- Her coronation was in 1953 and people had street parties all over the country to celebrate.
- She celebrated her diamond jubilee (60 years of being queen!) in 2012.



What is life in England like during her reign?

Schools

Children still learn reading writing and maths but we also learn lots of other subjects like history, geography and art.

Teacher's aren't allowed to punish children by hurting them!

Home

Today all our homes have electricity. This makes tasks like washing clothes a lot easier!



Toys

Plastic toys



Tablets and ipads



Electrical toys

Key vocabulary

- **Monarch:** a government that has a single person at its head (king or queen)
- **Head of state:** the person who officially represents their country
- **Buckingham Palace:** where the British monarchs live
- **Reign:** the period of time that a monarch is in charge of a country

- **British Empire:** all the countries that were under the control of the British monarch
- **Coronation:** the ceremony when someone is crowned king or queen
- **United Kingdom:** England, Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland
- **Chronological order:** when events are organised in time order