



Queen Victoria

(1819 – 1901)



- Queen Victoria was the monarch of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland from 20 June 1837 until her death.
- Her reign as the Queen lasted longer than that of any other British monarch, and is the longest of any female monarch in history.
- She gave her name to an age - the Victorian era - a period of industrial, cultural, political, scientific, and military progress within the United Kingdom. Overseas, it was marked by a great expansion of the British Empire.

Queen Elizabeth I

(1533-1603)

- ❖ **Queen Elizabeth I**, known as the Virgin Queen, was the daughter of Henry VIII and Anne Boleyn. The period of her reign (1558-1603) was known as the "**Elizabethan Age**" or the "**Golden Age**."
- ❖ Elizabeth's political skills and strong personal character were directly responsible for putting England on the road to becoming a true world economic and political power and restoring the country's lost sense of national pride.
- ❖ She was called "**A Queen with the Heart of a King**".
- ❖ "I may not be a lion, but I am a lion's cub and I have a lion's heart!", said the Queen herself.



Diana, Princess of Wales

(1961 – 1997)

- ❑ Princess Diana is one of the most loved women in the world.
- ❑ Lady Di was famous for using her position and power to help the ones in need. "People's Princess" touched the lives of the sick, the homeless and everyday people with her warmth and humanity.
- ❑ Dubbed the "Queen of Hearts" by then Prime Minister of England, John Major, Diana, one of the most fabled women of the century, “revived a staid monarchy with her vitality, charm, and glamour and ushered in a new age for the British monarchy”.



William Shakespeare

(1564-1616)

- Shakespeare was born and raised in Stratford-upon-Avon. He was an English poet and playwright, widely regarded as the greatest writer in the English language.
- Shakespeare wrote historical plays which told the history of England, but also showed the virtues and vices of monarchs. He also wrote witty comedies, full of fun and fantasy. But he is best known for his great tragedies, in which he explores human weakness, jealousy and ambition.
- Romeo and Juliet is one of Shakespeare's most famous tragedies and it is still played in theatres the world.

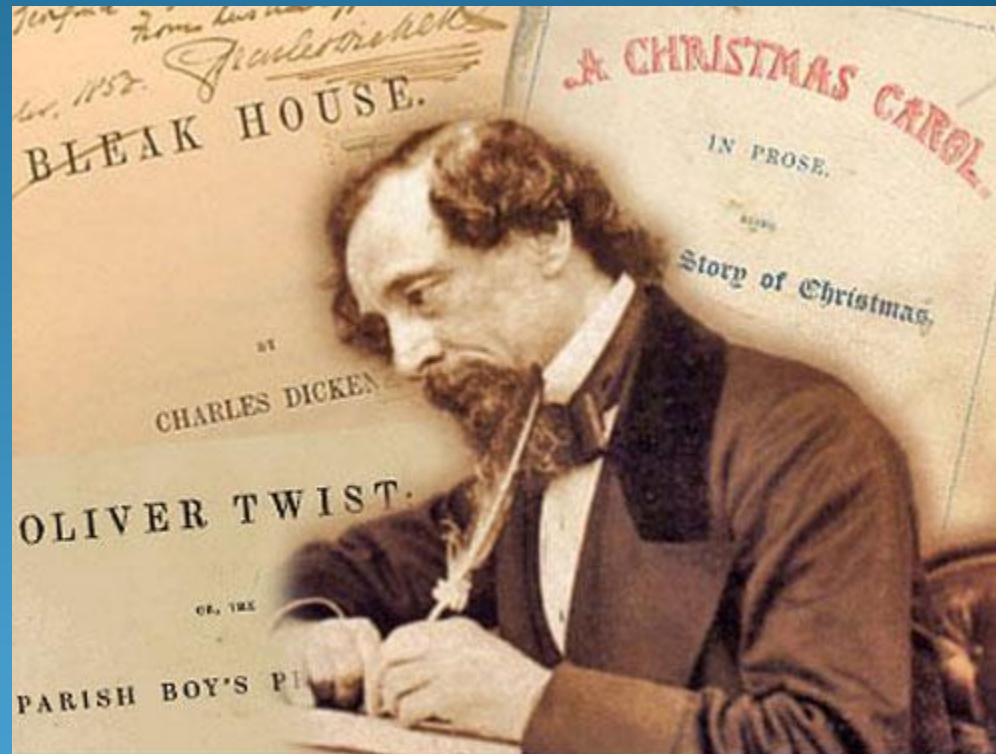


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Charles Dickens

(1812 - 1870)

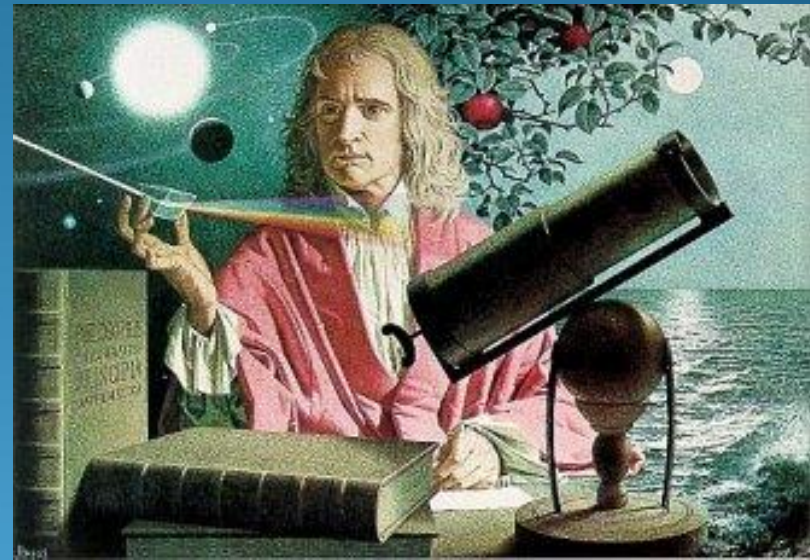
- ❑ **Charles Dickens**, pen-name "Boz", was an English novelist of the Victorian era.
- ❑ The popularity of his books during his lifetime and to the present is demonstrated by the fact that none of his novels has ever gone out of print.



Sir Isaac Newton

(1643 – 1727)

- Isaac Newton was an English physicist, mathematician, astronomer, natural philosopher, alchemist, and theologian, and is considered by many scholars and members of the general public to be one of the most influential people in human history.
- Newton built the first practical reflecting telescope and developed a theory of colour based on the observation that a prism decomposes white light into the many colours that form the visible spectrum.
- He also formulated an empirical law of cooling and studied the speed of sound.



Margaret Hilda Thatcher

- Baroness Thatcher was Prime Minister of the UK from 1979 until 1990.
- She studied chemistry at Somerville College, Oxford before qualifying as a barrister.
- In the 1959 general election she became MP for Finchley. Edward Heath appointed Thatcher Secretary of State for Education and Science in his 1970 government.
- In 1975 she became Leader of the Conservative Party, the first woman to head a major UK political party. Following the 1979 general election she became Britain's first female Prime Minister.



John Lennon

(9.10.1940 – 8.12.1980)

- John Lennon was an English musician and singer-songwriter who rose to worldwide fame as one of the founding members of The Beatles, one of the most commercially successful and critically acclaimed acts in the history of popular music.
- The Lennon /McCartney songwriting partnership is regarded as one of the most influential and successful of the 20th century.
- Between 2003 and 2008, *Rolling Stone* recognized Lennon in several reviews of artists and music, ranking him fifth of "100 Greatest Singers of All Time".



Sir Elton John

- He is an English singer-songwriter, composer and pianist. In his four-decade career John has sold more than 250 million records, making him one of the most successful artists of all time.
- His single "Candle in the Wind 1997" has sold over 33 million copies worldwide, and is the best selling single in Billboard history.
- He has won six Grammy Awards, an Academy Award, a Golden Globe Award and a Tony Award.



David Beckham

- ❑ Many of the world's *famous sports* began in *Britain*, including cricket, football, lawn tennis, golf and rugby.
- ❑ David Beckham is a leading English footballer and a former star of the legendary team Manchester United. He is famous for the quality of his passing and his crosses, and he has scored many goals direct from special free kicks.
- ❑ He has twice been runner-up for FIFA World Player of the Year and in 2004 he was the world's highest-paid footballer.
- ❑ Beckham was the first British footballer to play 100 Champions League matches.[†]

