

The Victorian Age

Understand why an epoch in the history of Britain was called "Victorianism"

Queen of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland from 20 June 1837

- Empress of India from 1 May 1876.
- The beginning of the epoch started with her coronation on January 28, 1838



Her reign and political viewpoints were affected by her beloved husband Albert

- When he died at the age of 42, “the light faded for me,” - said the Queen, adding that “his views on everything in the world will now be my law“.



The famous Victorian era was characterised by:

- flourishing country
- stability
- earnings growth
- expansion of holdings
- technical progress



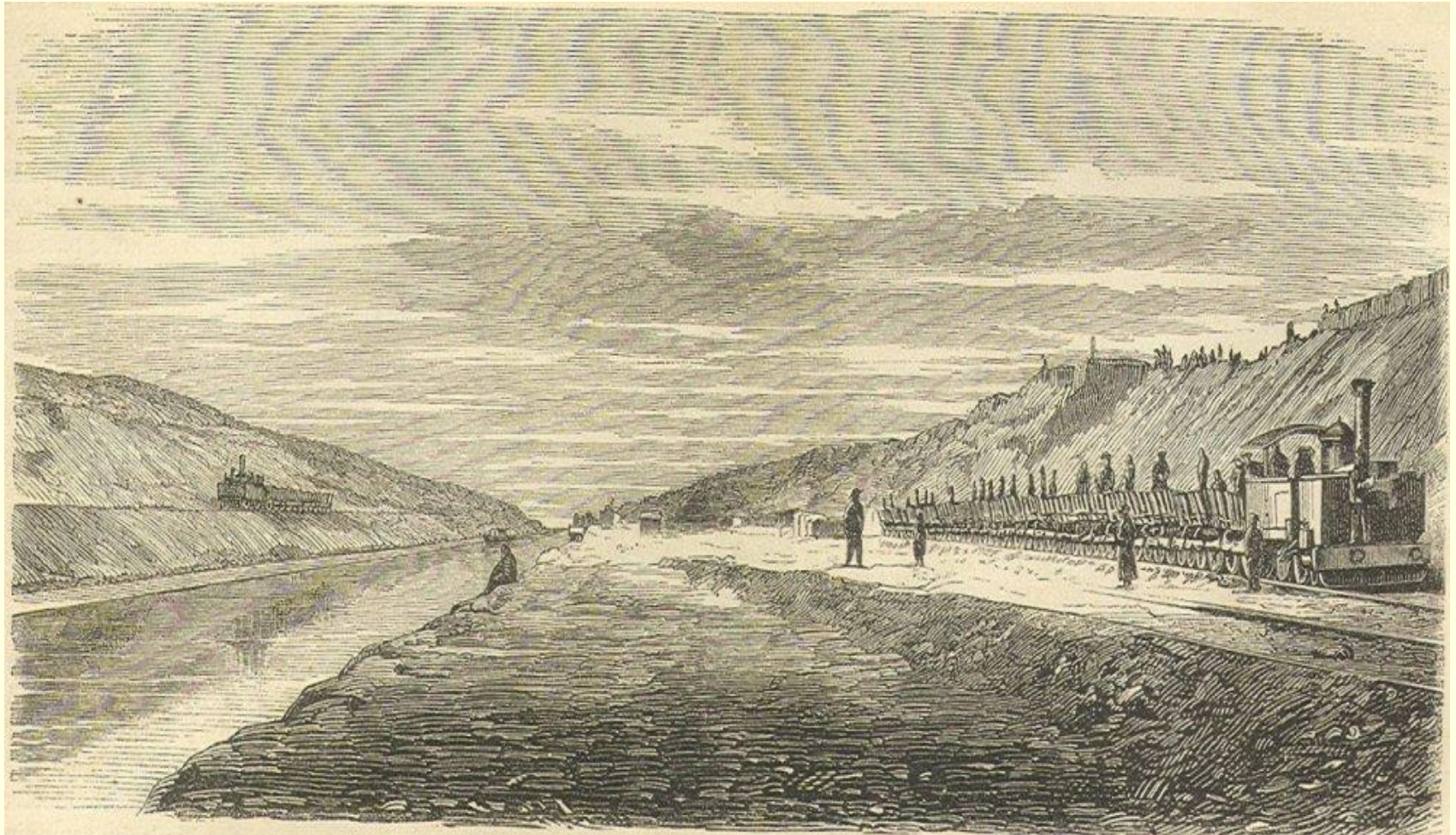
Victorian innovations:

- street lighting,
- sidewalks,
- sanitation and hygiene,
- water supply and sewerage,
- metro
- kitchen equipment and cans, picture,
- music boxes and mechanical pianos,
- toys, cards.
- the practice of gifts and theatrical celebration of Christmas.

Victorian innovations:

- in 1850 the country is covered by a network of railways.
- in 1870 entered the state educational system, to guarantee primary education.
- appears postal service.
- in 1871, the Oxford and Cambridge were made available to all
- in 1870, competitive tests have become a common way of entry into the civil service.
- in 1875, an incredibly clever intrigue brings Britain a majority share of the Suez Canal.
- the following year of overseas possessions of England appears India – “the main jewel in the imperial crown”.

The Suez Canal



Mores of the Victorian era:

- strictness of morals, cold-blooded attitude towards art and stiffness.
- sobriety, punctuality, diligence, frugality and thrift appreciated and to the reign of Victoria, but it is in its era, these qualities have become the norm.
- strictness of moral rules.
- Sunday ceremonies, Bible reading and family prayers were commonplace until almost the end of the century.

Memorial in honor of Queen Victoria in London



Place of Death Victoria Osborne House on the Isle of Wight



Conclusion

- When the British Queen Victoria, as a nation have become one and purchased many of the features for which the whole world their love and respect: a British love of tradition, honoring the memory of their ancestors and their history, commitment to family life, the British judgment, restraint and diplomacy, and many others. That is why the whole era was named after the great Queen - Victorianism.