Topic – Revolution Summer Week 5 Activities

Activity 1

Visit the [V&A](https://www.vam.ac.uk/) website to find and read excerpts from Queen Victoria’s journal as she describes her feelings about the Great Exhibition. Discuss how Victoria might have felt as she visited the different halls and parts of the Exhibition. Highlight/record the verbs and adjectives in the text that describe the scene on the opening day.

How does the Queen’s descriptive language helps you to picture the scene?

Activity 2

* Find out about the death of Prince Albert, the cause and the effect it had on the Queen. Present your findings in a chosen format and discuss your opinions about the Queen’s response.
* Find out about the death of Queen Victoria and the state of Britain at the time she died. Look at film and photographic evidence of her funeral and discuss how the British public reacted to her death.

**Did you know:** Queen Victoria’s funeral is one of the earliest events recorded by British Pathé news. Documentary footage can be found using various online sources. Did you know that having spent 40 years wearing black, Victoria requested a white funeral and a coffin decked in white flowers?

Activity 3

Create a hand-drawn or digital family tree of Victoria’s successors, finding out about each of them. Write a simple biography for some of her most famous descendants. Discuss what Queen Victoria would have thought of them. Would she have been amused?

**Note:** Queen Victoria’s most notable descendants include her son Edward VII, also known as Bertie, her grandson George V, Kaiser Wilhelm II of Germany and her great grandson, Edward VIII who famously stood down in 1936 to marry the American, Wallis Simpson.

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