

# QUEEN VICTORIA

Nicknamed 'The Grandmother of Europe', Queen Victoria is best known for her lengthy rule of the United Kingdom, which lasted 63 years. Under her rule, the British Empire prospered and flourished, becoming the largest empire that the world had ever seen. As Empress, Queen Victoria was head of nearly a quarter of the world's people, with territories in Canada, Egypt, South Africa, India and Australia. Her time as Queen became known as the Victorian era and there were many astonishing advancements in science and technology. The Great Exhibition of 1851 was a display of all the wonderful new inventions that had been created. During her reign, Britain came into the steam age. Railways were built and it became easier than ever to travel over long distances. By the time she died in 1901, she was a symbol of British greatness and was much loved by her people.



## Early Life

Princess Alexandrina Victoria was born at Kensington Palace in London on 24<sup>th</sup> May 1819 and was an only child. She was fifth in line for the throne and very few people ever expected her to become queen. Unfortunately her father, the Duke of Kent, died before her first birthday.

During her childhood, her German mother was incredibly protective of her, making sure that Victoria was supervised at all times. Victoria had little contact with other children but did have a beloved pet dog named Dash. She spoke fluent German and English and had knowledge of French, Italian and Latin languages. By the time she was ten years old, Victoria was next in line for the throne.

## Becoming Queen

When Victoria turned 18 in 1837, she was crowned Queen of the United Kingdom. She was determined to be a good queen and rule the people of Britain and her empire well. Being so young, she took advice from the Prime Minister, Lord Melbourne, who guided her in political matters.

## Family

A few years after she was crowned, in 1840, Victoria married her cousin Albert, a German prince. Her white wedding dress started the popular tradition of a woman wearing white on her wedding day. Victoria and Albert were very fond of one another. They were the first royals to live in Buckingham Palace and had nine children together. Her children ended up marrying into other royal families across Europe, earning Victoria the nickname 'Grandmother of Europe'. When Albert died of typhoid fever in 1861, Victoria was heart-broken. She became reclusive and avoided public appearances. She dressed in black mourning clothes for the rest of her life.

## Death

Queen Victoria ruled the UK from 1837 to her death in 1901 aged 81. At 63 years, her reign is the second longest in British history after Queen Elizabeth II.

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Use the word bank to help you improve this biography of Howard Carter. Think about how you could link facts and ideas and use a variety of sentence openers. One has been done for you.

## During his childhood,

Howard Carter was born on 9<sup>th</sup> May 1874. He grew up in Norfolk, England. He liked art and enjoyed investigating the collection of Egyptian artefacts at a neighbouring mansion.

At 17, he began working in Egypt. He drew pictures of Egyptian artefacts and archaeological dig sites. In 1907 he was hired by Lord Carnarvon to dig site KV62. It took a long time and they almost gave up. On 4<sup>th</sup> November 1922 his team discovered stone steps in the sand. These led to the entrance to Tutankhamun's tomb.

On 26<sup>th</sup> November, Carter took his first peek into the tomb. He could see the chamber was full of golden treasures. After opening the tomb, he spent months drawing, categorising and removing the golden artefacts. From studying the artefacts, he found that the tomb belonged to the young Pharaoh Tutankhamun who ruled around 1332 BC.

Howard Carter worked on the tomb until 1932. He then toured around the world, giving lectures about what he found in the tomb.

Howard Carter died in 1939.

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- Grew up in Norfolk, England
- Went to work in Egypt at 17 years old. He drew and painted Egyptian artefacts.
- In 1907 Carter was hired by Lord Carnarvon to supervise archaeological digs around the Valley of Kings in Egypt.
- In 1914 they gained the right to dig at site KV62, the supposed tomb of Tutankhamun.
- On 4<sup>th</sup> November 1922, one of Carter's team found a stone step in the sand. This was the start of a staircase leading to a sealed tomb.
- Carter had to wait two weeks before he could look inside. When he did, he said that he could see 'wonderful things'.
- He spent several months drawing, categorising and removing the spectacular golden artefacts from the tomb.
- He and his team then opened the burial chamber, which contained Tutankhamun's, now famous, sarcophagus.
- Carter worked on the site until 1932.
- Afterwards, he toured around the world, giving lectures about what he had found and what the artefacts had taught us about Ancient Egypt.
- Howard Carter died on 2<sup>nd</sup> March 1939 at the age of 64.



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- Born 9<sup>th</sup> May 1874
- Grew up in Norfolk, England
- His father was an artist. He taught Howard how to draw and paint.
- A neighbouring mansion had a vast collection of Ancient Egyptian antiques which Carter would visit and investigate.
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- Their investigation of KV62 was interrupted by the start of WW1.
- During the war, Carter worked as a translator.
- After the war, Lord Carnarvon threatened to stop funding the excavation of KV62 if they didn't find something soon.
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- He learned all about the young Pharaoh Tutankhamun, who ruled Egypt around 1332 BC.
- He and his team then opened the burial chamber, which contained Tutankhamun's, now famous, sarcophagus.
- The tomb was the most well-preserved tomb to be found in Egypt. It was found almost exactly as the Ancient Egyptians had left it, over 3000 years ago.
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