

The Victorian Years

Luddite riots		1811		
		1818	<i>Frankenstein</i> - Mary Shelley	
The First Reform Act - male suffrage for the middle-class		1832		
The Factory Act - children's work week limited to 48 hours		1833		
		1836	<i>Pickwick Papers</i> - Ch Dickens	
	Victoria	1837		
		1838	<i>Oliver Twist</i> - Charles Dickens	
The Opium War - Britain gains access to 5 Chinese ports and control of Hong Kong (ends 1842)		1839		
		1840	<i>Tales of the Grotesque and Arabesque</i> - EA Poe	rebuilding Houses of Parliament (finished 1868)
		1842	<i>The Lady of Shalott</i> - Tennyson	
		1843	<i>A Christmas Carol</i> - Charles Dickens	
		1844	<i>Barry Lyndon</i> - Thackeray	
		1847	<i>Jane Eyre</i> - Charlotte Bronte <i>Wuthering Heights</i> - Emily Bronte <i>Vanity Fair</i> - Wm. Thackeray	
		1848		The Bourgeois Revolutions; The California Gold Rush; Pre-Raphaelite Brotherhood founded
The Great Exhibition		1851		The Crystal Palace
		1854	<i>Hard Times</i> - Charles Dickens	Crimean War (ends 1856)
		1857		India becomes Br colony
First women doctors		1858		
<i>On the Origin of the Species</i> - Charles Darwin		1859		
		1860	<i>Great Expectations</i> - Ch Dickens; <i>Mill on the Floss</i> - George Eliot; <i>Woman in White</i> - W. Collins	beginning Arts and Crafts Movement (Wm Morris) ends c. 1910
Prince Albert dies		1861		
		1867		<i>Capital</i> - Karl Marx
Forster's Education Act - free and compulsory elementary education		1870		
		1873		Natural History Museum
		1874	<i>Far from the Maddening Crowd</i> - Th Hardy	

Victoria Empress of India		1876		
		1877	<i>The American</i> - Henry James	
		1878		Th Edison invents phonograph and first electric light
Britain invades Egypt and annexes Sudan; trade unions legalised		1882		
		1883	<i>Ulysses</i> - Alfred Tennyson	
Third Reform Act - Universal male suffrage; British Empire (India, Australia, New Zeland, Canada, Africa, Egypt)		1884		<i>Huckleberry Finn</i> - Mark Twain
		1886	<i>The Strange Case of Doctor Jekyll and Mr Hyde</i> - RL Stevenson	
		1887	<i>A Study in Scarlet</i> - Arthur Conan Doyle (1 st Sherlock Holmes story)	
		1891	<i>The Picture of Dorian Gray</i> - Oscar Wilde <i>Tess of the D'Ubervilles</i> - Thomas Hardy	
		1892	<i>The Speckled Band</i> - AC Doyle	
		1894	<i>The Jungle Book</i> - Rudyard Kipling	
		1895	<i>The Time Machine</i> - HG Wells <i>The Importance of Being Ernst</i> - O Wilde	
		1896	<i>The Island of Dr Moreau</i> - HG Wells <i>Jude the Obscure</i> - Th Hardy	
		1897	<i>Dracula</i> - B. Stoker <i>The Invisible Man</i> - HG Wells	
		1900		<i>The Interpretation of Dreams</i> - S Freud
	Edward VII	1901	<i>Kim</i> - Rudyard Kipling	
		1902	<i>Heart of Darkness</i> - Joseph Conrad	
		1903	<i>The Ambassadors</i> - Henry James	