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I can use historical vocabulary to describe Queen  
Victoria's early years.



# Chronology

The next slide has lots of different periods in history. Using your knowledge (and without researching) try to put them into chronological order (the earliest to the most recent).

You can upload this onto Dojo once you have finished.

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| WW1              | WW2            | The Tudors     |
| The Vikings      | The Romans     | The Celts      |
| The Anglo Saxons | The Victorians | The Ice Age    |
| The Stone Age    | The Iron Age   | The Bronze Age |
| The Stuarts      | The Georgians  | The Normans    |



At four, Victoria, like all children of the time, was dressed as a miniature adult.

### Walking tall

Victoria was taught to walk in a regal manner by balancing books on her head and having prickly holly leaves tied under her chin.



## THE YOUNG QUEEN

People often picture Queen Victoria as she was in the last years of her reign – a grumpy, disapproving old lady. But this was far from true of the teenage girl who came to the throne. Although Victoria always took her royal duties very seriously, her diaries show that she was passionate and fun-loving too. As a girl, she enjoyed dressing in bright silks for the opera and attending lavish balls at Buckingham Palace.

Victoria was born in Kensington Palace, in London, in 1819 and christened Alexandrina Victoria. Her uncle, William IV, and his wife had no surviving children, so it soon became clear that Victoria would succeed him to the throne.

The young heiress had a strict, lonely upbringing, with little company apart from her over-protective mother and her governess. Despite her solitude, Victoria was a lively, playful child who enjoyed painting, riding, music, singing and dancing.

### Learning to be a queen

As well as the usual school subjects, such as languages and mathematics, Princess Victoria felt it was her duty to study the kings and queens of Britain, in preparation for her future role. "A great queen but a bad woman," was how she described one of her predecessors, Queen Elizabeth I.

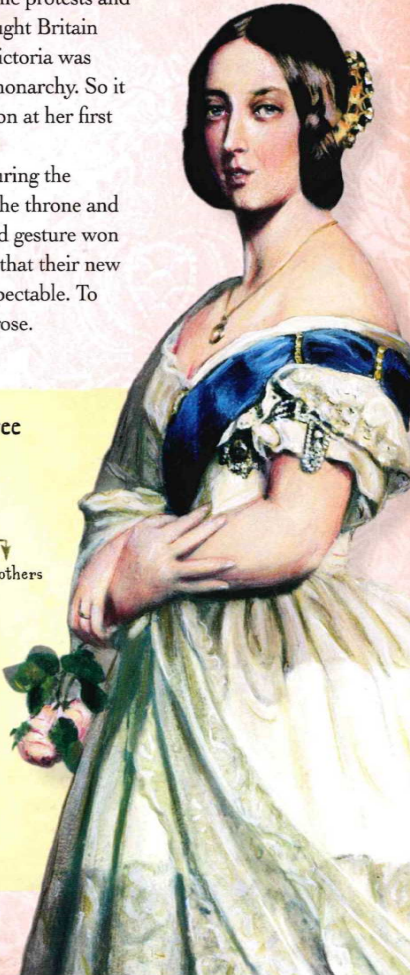
The princess also had to learn how to walk, talk and act like royalty. She was made to keep a special book, where she noted everything she did and how she behaved, especially when she was naughty. Entries that she made in this book, and in her personal diaries, showed that although she was anxious to be good, Victoria was often stubborn and quick-tempered too.

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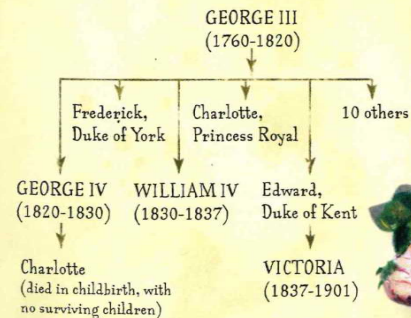
When Victoria became queen in 1837, public opinion of the monarchy was at an all time low. Her predecessors had been unpopular – George IV was seen as wasteful and sleazy and William IV was old and doddering. Their reigns had seen public protests and bloody riots, and some people even thought Britain might be on the brink of a revolution. Victoria was determined to restore the image of the monarchy. So it was vital that she made a good impression at her first major public event – her coronation.

It was a splendid, dignified affair. During the ceremony, an elderly lord tripped near the throne and Victoria helped him to his feet. This kind gesture won the people's hearts and convinced them that their new queen would be caring, humble and respectable. To them, she became known as England's rose.

This painting of the young Queen Victoria is by Franz Xavier Winterhalter, a German artist who painted more than 120 portraits of Victoria and her family.



### Queen Victoria's family tree



The dates show the years of each monarch's reign.

Summarise the main events surrounding Victoria's early life. Your task is to include every word on the next slide in your paragraph / paragraphs. You can set it out how you like e.g. using subheadings and images if you wish. Each time you write a word from the list, underline it or highlight it in a coloured pen / pencil.



# Vocabulary to include

monarch

throne

heiress

Buckingham Palace

predecessor

royalty

revolution

reign

regal

