

Lesson 2

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Queen Victoria

Queen Victoria ruled the British Empire when it was the most powerful nation on earth. She became queen when she was a teenager, and she ruled for sixty-four years.

During this time of expansion and industrial growth, much of Africa, India, and Canada were under British domination. During these Victorian times, the Queen promoted personal virtue and fastidious moral conduct, which today would be considered sanctimonious and of dubious value.

Queen Victoria and Prince Albert had several children and grandchildren who married into other ruling families.

One of her sons died from hemophilia. Queen Victoria carried the gene for this rare disorder. Males develop hemophilia, but the gene is carried by their daughters, who do not develop the illness.