

## Transition to the Victorians

### Important Events & Dates

- literacy
  - increase of reading materials and incandescent lights
  - cheaper than candles and allowed people to read later in the evening
- communication
  - telegraph, telephone, radio and photography
- 1830 First steam-powered railway
- 1832 First Reform Bill & Corn Laws
  - Reform Bill allowed vote to tenants w/rent of 50 pounds or more yearly
    - don't have to own land
  - Corn Laws tried to protect import of agriculture, but instead raised food prices
- 1833 Abolition of slavery in British Empire
- 1837 Victoria ascends to throne

### Victorian Authors & Poets

Charles Dickens	Matthew Arnold ("Dover Beach")
George Eliot ( <i>Middlemarch</i> )	Robert Louis Stevenson ( <i>Dr. Jekyll &amp; Mr. Hyde</i> )
Thomas Hardy ( <i>Jude the Obscure</i> )	Dante Gabriel Rossetti (Pre-Raphaelite)
John Ruskin (architectural critic)	Christina Rossetti ("Goblin Market")
John Stuart Mill (championed women's rights)	William Morris (Pre-Raphaelite; like William Blake)
Alfred, Lord Tennyson (equal to Wordsworth)	Walter Pater (critic)
Elizabeth Barrett Browning ("How do I love thee")	Gerald Manley Hopkins (poet)
John Henry Cardinal Newman (Catholicism)	Frances Trollope (novelist)
Robert Browning ("My Last Duchess")	Anthony Trollope (novelist)
Edward Fitzgerald ( <i>The Rubáiyát</i> )	William Makepeace Thackeray ( <i>Vanity Fair</i> )
Charles Darwin ( <i>On the Origins of Species</i> )	Lewis Carroll ( <i>Alice in Wonderland</i> )
George Sand (French)	Edward Lear ("Owl & the Pussycat")
Coventry Patmore ("Angel in the House")	Beatrix Potter ( <i>Peter Rabbit</i> )
Charlotte Brontë ( <i>Jane Eyre</i> )	Henry James
Emily Brontë ( <i>Wuthering Heights</i> )	Rudyard Kipling ( <i>Just So Stories</i> )
Elizabeth Gaskell (novelist)	H. Rider Haggard ( <i>King Solomon's Mines</i> )
Sir Arthur Conan Doyle (Sherlock Holmes novels)	Oscar Wilde ( <i>The Picture of Dorian Gray</i> )
Florence Nightingale (ultimate nurse)	"Michael Field"
Sarah Stickney Ellis (women's rights/duties)	Bram Stoker ( <i>Dracula</i> )
Wilkie Collins ( <i>The Moonstone</i> )	D.H. Lawrence ( <i>Sons &amp; Lovers</i> )
Caroline Norton (defeated coverture)	E.M. Forester ( <i>A Passage to India</i> )
Queen Victoria (letters published; anti-feminist)	

### Interesting Victorian Websites

*The Victorian Web* (<http://www.victorianweb.org/>)

*Victoria Research Web* (<http://victorianresearch.org/>)

*Victorian Women Writer's Project* (<http://www.indiana.edu/~letrs/vwwp/>)