

# Who was Queen Victoria?

Before you visit Queen Victoria's beloved holiday home, meet the great lady herself through her official photographs:



Annotate around this photograph. What does it tell us about Queen Victoria? What does it tell us about how different life was in 1863?

Prince Edward and his wife are the only two looking at the camera. What do the others seem to be looking at?

Why was this photograph taken?

Queen Victoria wanted this photograph to send a message to the public. What do you think the message was?



Can you spot: Queen Victoria, Prince Albert, Prince Edward (the eldest son), Princess Beatrice (the youngest child) ?

- Victoria was born in 1819.
- She came to the throne in 1837.
- She married Albert in 1840.
- Albert died in 1861.
- Victoria died on the Isle of Wight in 1901.



Victoria and Albert had nine children:

1. Victoria (born 1840)
2. Edward (born 1841)
3. Alice (born 1842)
4. Alfred (born 1844)
5. Helena (born 1846)
6. Louise (born 1848)
7. Arthur (born 1850)
8. Leopold (born 1853)
9. Beatrice (born 1857)

Look carefully at all the dates on this page. What do they tell us about life in the Victoria era and, in particular, Queen Victoria's life?

3. This is a later photograph of Queen Victoria with members of her family.

- Who is the man on the left? (You have seen him in the other picture)
- How does he look different and why?
- Is the child in the centre a boy or a girl? What makes you think that?
- How many different generations can be seen in this picture?
- Do you think this photograph has a message? What do you think it might be?

