	THE VICTORIAN P	ERIC	D—TIMELINE
Dates	Major Historical Events	Dates	Major Literary Figures And Their Works
		1830	 Alfred, Lord Tennyson (1809- 1892) : Poems, Chiefly Lyrical
1832	 Passage of the first Reform Bill in the British Parliament Death of Walter Scott 	1832	 Sir Walter Scott (1771-1832): <i>Castle Dangerous, Count Robert of Paris</i> Benjamin Disraeli (1804-1881): England and France, or a Cure for the Ministerial Gallomania
1833	 Oxford Movement launched within the Church of England with the preaching of the sermon 'National Apostasy' by John Keble Abolition of the Slavery Act Death of Arthur Henry Hallam, Tennyson's friend 	1833	 Thomas Carlyle (1795-1881): serialization of Sartor Resartus in Fraser's Magazine which continued till 1834 Robert Browning (1812-1889): Pauline Benjamin Disraeli (1804-1881): Ixion in heaven
1834	 Poor Law Amendment Act Formation of the first government by Robert Peel 	1834	 Edward Bulwer Lytton (1803- 1873): The Last Days of Pompeii
1835		1835	Robert Browning: Paracelsus
1836		1836	 Charles Dickens (1812-1870): Sketches by Boz, The Posthumous Papers of the Pickwick Club (till 1837) Benjamin Disraeli: Henrietta Temple

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1837	Ascension of Queen Victoria to the throne of England		 Charles Dickens: Oliver Twist (till 1838) Robert Browning: Strafford Thomas Carlyle: French Revolution Benjamin Disraeli: Venetia
1838	 Chartism was launched Anti-Corn Law League founded by Richard Cobden as a movement against the Corn Laws 		• Charles Dickens: <i>Nicholas Nickleby</i> (till 1839)
1839	• Custody of Infants' Act		
1840	Chimney Sweep Act prohibits the employment of children as chimney sweepers	1840	 Robert Browning: Sordello Charles Dickens: The Old Curiosity Shop W. Harrison Ainsworth (1805-1882): Guy Fawkes, The Tower of London William Makepeace Thackeray (1811-1863): Catherine
1841	Conservatives take control on the House of Commons in the General Elections, under Robert Peel	1841	 Thomas Carlyle: On Heroes, Hero-Worship and the Heroic in History Charles Dickens: Barnaby Rudge Robert Browning: Pippa Passes
1842		1842	 Thomas Babington Macaulay (1800-1859): Lays of Ancient Rome Alfred, Lord Tennyson: Poems

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1843	 William Wordsworth becomes the Poet Laureate The Economist daily began to be published 	1843	 Thomas Carlyle: Past and Present John Ruskin (1819-1900): Modern Painters Charles Dickens: A Christmas Carol, Martin Chuzzlewit (till 1844) John Stuart Mill (1806-1873): A System of Logic
1844		1844	Benjamin Disraeli: Coningsby
1845	Great Famine in Ireland begins. Continues till 1852	1845	 Thomas Carlyle: Oliver Cromwell's Letters and Speeches Benjamin Disraeli: Sibyl, or The Two Nations
1846	Repeal of the Corn Laws	1846	 Brontë sisters' poems: Poems by Currer, Ellis and Acton Bell
1847	The Whig Party under John Russell wins the General Electon	1847	 Charles Dickens: Dombey and Son (till 1848) William Makepeace Thackeray: Vanity Fair (till 1848) Charlotte Brontë (1816-1855): Jane Eyre Emily Brontë (1818-1848): Wuthering Heights Anne Brontë (1820-1849): Agnes Gray Lord, Alfred Tennyson: The Princess: A Medley Christina Rossetti(1830-1894): Verses

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1848	Great Famine (Ireland) takes a heavy toll on the lives of people	1848	 Karl Marx and Friedrich Engels: The Communist Manifesto Anne Brontë: The Tenant of Wildfell Hall Elizabeth Gaskell (1810-1865): Mary Barton, a Tale of Manchester Life William Makepeace Thackeray: Pendennis Johyn Henry Newman (1801-1890): Loss and Gain John Stuart Mill: Principles of Political Economy Thomas Babington Macaulay: The History of England from the Accession of James the Second
1849	 Abolition of the Corn Laws First Exhibition of Paintings by the Pre-Raphaelite Brotherhood 	1849	 John Ruskin: The Seven Lamps of Architecture Charlotte Brontë: Shirley
1850	Lord Tennyson becomes the Poet Laureate	1850	 William Wordsworth(1770-1850): The Prelude Alfred, Lord Tennyson: In Memoriam Charles Dickens: David Copperfield Elizabeth Barrett Browning (1806-1861): Sonnets from Portuguese William Makepeace Thackeray: Pendennis Charles Kingsley (1819-1875): Alton Locke

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1851		1851	 Elizabeth Barrett Browning: <i>Casa Guidi Windows</i> Elizabeth Gaskell: <i>Cranford</i> John Ruskin: <i>The Stones of Venice</i>(first volume)
1852	Trial of John Henry Newman	1852	 Matthew Arnold (1822-1888): Empedocles on Etna, and Other Poems William Makepeace Thackeray: The History of Henry Esmond
1853		1853	 Alfred, Lord Tennyson: Maud Matthew Arnold: Poems(includes 'Sohrab and Rustum' and 'The Scholar Gipsy'), Tristram and Iseult Charles Dickens: Bleak House Charlotte Brontë: Villette Elizabeth Gaskell: Ruth John Ruskin: The Stones of Venice (completed) Charles Reade (1814-1884): Peg Woffington Charles Kingsley: Hypatia
1854	 Outbreak of Crimean War Exhibition of the original version of painting 'The Light of the World' by Holman Hunt The University Reform Act which opened the University of Oxford to the undergraduates outside the Church of England 		 Matthew Arnold: New Poems Charles Dickens: Hard Times(serialization begins in The Household Words) Alfred, Lord Tennyson: The Charge of the Light Brigade William Makepeace Thackeray: The Rose and the Ring

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1855			 Robert Browning: Men and Women Elizabeth Gaskell: North and South Charles Dickens: Little Dorrit Charles Kingsley: Westward Ho! William Makepeace Thackeray: The Newcomes Anthony Trollope (1815-1882): The Warden
1856	 Crimean War ends with the Treaty of Paris Birth of George Bernard Shaw 	1856	 Elizabeth Barrett Browning: Aurora Leigh Mrs. Craik (1826-1887): John Halifax, Gentleman Charles Reade: It is Never too Late to Mend
1857	Indian Sepoy Mutiny	1857	 Charlotte Brontë: The Professor Charles Dickens: Little Dorrit(in book form) George Eliot (1819-1880): Adam Bede Elizabeth Gaskell: The Life of Charlotte Brontë Anthony Trollope: Barchester Towers
1858		1858	 Thomas Carlyle: The History of Fredrick II of Prussia, called Fredrick the Great (continued in three installments till 1865) Anthony Trollope: Doctor Thorne

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1859	Royal Charter Storm	1859	 Charles Darwin (1809-1882): The Origin of Species Charles Dickens: A Tale of Two Cities William Makepeace Thackeray: The Virginians George Eliot: Adam Bede Edward Fitzgerald (1809-1883): Rubaiyat of Omar Khayyam Alfred, Lord Tennyson: Idylls of the King
1860		1860	 Charles Dickens: Great Expectations in the magazine All the Year Around Elizabeth Barrett Browning: Poems before Congress Wilkie Collins (1824-1889): The Woman in White George Eliot: The Mill on the Floss; Silas Marner Anthony Trollope: Framley Parsonage (serialization in The Cornhill Magazine) Thomas Love Peacock (1785-1866): Gryll Grange (serialization begins)
1861	 Outbreak of American Civil War Criminal Law Consolidation Act 	1861	 Charles Dickens: Great Expectations (in book form) F.T. Palgrave: Golden Treasury of English Songs and Lyrics Charles Reade: The Cloister and the Hearth Anthony Trollope: Orley Farm

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1862		1862	 John Ruskin: Unto This Last (appeared in The Cornhill Magazine), Sesame and Lilies, Crown of Wild Olive Christina Rossetti: Goblin Market and Other Poems Mary Elizabeth Braddon (1835-1915): Lady Audley's Secret George Eliot: Romola Matthew Arnold: On Translating Homer
1863		1863	 Charles Kingsley: Water Babies Margaret Oliphant (1828-1897): Salem Chapel
1864		1864	 Alfred, Lord Tennyson: <i>Enoch Arden</i> Charles Dickens: Our Mutual Friend (till 1865) Anthony Trollope: <i>The Small House at Allington</i>
1865	 New Poor Law Act improves conditions in the workhouses Birth of Edith Cavell, a significant female figure in the World War I 	1865	 George Meredith(1828-1909): Rhoda Fleming Matthew Arnold: Essays in Criticism Lewis Caroll (1832-1898): Alice's Adventures in Wonderland Algernon.Charles. Swinburne (1837-1909): Atlanta in Calydon Charles Dickens: Our Mutual Friend

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1866		1866	 Christina Rossetti: The Prince's Progress and Other Poems George Eliot: Felix Holt, the Radical Margaret Oliphant: Mrs. Marjoribanks George Meredith: Vittoria A.C. Swinburne: Poems and Ballads Wilkie Collins: Armadale
1867	 John Stuart Mill's motion for Women's Suffrage overruled in the House of Commons National Society for Women's Suffrage formed by Lydia Becker 	1867	■ Thomas Carlyle: Shooting Niagra: And After? Matthew Arnold: New Poems (includes 'Dover Beach')
1868	 Capital Punishment Amendment Act abolishes public hanging The Press Association founded in London 	1868	 Robert Browning: The Ring and the Book Wilkie Collins: The Moonstone
1869		1869	 Matthew Arnold: Culture and Anarchy John Stuart Mill: The Subjection of Women Anthony Trollope: Phineas Finn
1870	Married Women's Property Act	1870	 Charles Dickens: The Mystery of Edwin Drood (remained incomplete) Dante Gabriel Rossetti (1828-1882): Poems

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1871	Disestablishment of the Church of Ireland	1871	 Thomas Hardy (1840-1928): Desperate Remedies Edward Bulwer-Lytton: The Coming Race Lewis Caroll: Through the Looking Glass Charles Darwin: The Descent of Man George Eliot: Middlemarch(till 1872) Anthony Trollope: The Eustace Diamonds (serialization)
1872	Women's Suffrage Movement became a National Movement	1872	 Samuel Butler (1835-1902): Erewhon Thomas Hardy: Under the Greenwood Tree
1873		1873	 Thomas Hardy: A Pair of Blue Eyes Anthony Trollope: Phineas Redux (serialization)
1874		1874	• Thomas Hardy: Far from the Madding Crowd
1875		1875	 Anthony Trollope: The Way we Live Now Alfred, Lord Tennyson: Queen Mary
1876	The Royal Titles Act confers the honorific 'Empress of India' on Queen Victoria	1876	 George Eliot: Daniel Doronda Thomas Hardy: The Hand of Ethelberta Lewis Caroll: The Hunting of the Snark Anthony Trollope: The Prime Minister

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1877		1877	 Anna Sewell: Black Beauty Alfred, Lord Tennyson: Harold
1878	The University of London becomes the first institute to put equal terms for admission to both women and men	1878	 Thomas Hardy: The Return of the Native (serialization begins)
1879		1879	 George Meredith: The Egoist Anthony Trollope: The Duke's Children
1880	 The Conservative Party lose the General Elections to Liberal Party and Gladstone succeeds Disraeli as the Prime Minister First Boer War 	1880	 Benjamin Disraeli: Endymion Thomas Hardy: The Trumpet Major Alfred, Lord Tennyson: Ballads and Other Poems
1881	 British Forces defeated in the Battle of Laing's Nek and Battle of Schuinshoogte in the first Boer War Robert Cecil becomes the Conservative leader following the death of Benjamin Disraeli 	1881	 Henry James (1843-1916): The Portrait of a Lady Dante Gabriel Rossetti: Ballads and Sonnets Robert Louis Stevenson (1850-1894): Treasure Island
1882	Royal Courts of Justice opened by the Queen	1882	 Anthony Trollope: The Fixed Period Thomas Hardy: Two on a Tower
1883	Edward Benson enthroned as the Archbishop of Canterbury	1883	• Robert Louis Stevenson: Treasure Island(book form), The Black Arrow(serial form)

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1884	 The Fabian Society was founded in London First fascicle of Oxford English Dictionary published 	1884	
1885	 Women permitted to be admitted to the University of Oxford Gladstone's Liberal Government falls, giving way to the formation of new Conservative Power General Election wherein Gladstone's Party becomes majority, yet Salisbury remains Prime Minister with support of Irish Party 	1885	 George Meredith: Diana of the Crossways Walter Pater (1839-1894): Marius the Epicurean H. Rider Haggard: King Solomon's Mines Richard Burton: The Book of the Thousand Nights and a Night (translation of The Arabian Nights) Alfred, Lord Tennyson: Tiresias and other Poems
1886	Salisbury loses support of the Irish Party and resigns the office of Prime Minister and Gladstone succeeds him	1886	 Thomas Hardy: The Mayor of Casterbridge Alfred, Lord Tennyson: Locksley Hall, Sixty Years after Mary Corelli: A Romance of Two Worlds Robert Louis Stevenson: The Kidnapped, Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde Henry James: The Bostonians
1887	 Celebration of the Golden Jubilee of the Queen's Reign Theatre Royal, Exeter burns down 	1887	 Arthur Conan Doyle (1859-1930): A Study in Scarlet (the first Sherlock Holmes novel) Thomas Hardy: The Woodlanders

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1888	Several Whitechapel murders, where London prostitutes become the victims of the attacks of Jack the Ripper	1888	 Thomas Hardy: The Wessex Tales Henry James: The Aspern Papers Rudyard Kipling (1865-1936): Plain Tales from the Hills Oscar Wilde (1854-1900): The Happy Prince and other Tales
1889		1889	 Robert Browning: Asolando Jerome K. Jerome: Three Men in a Boat Robert Louis Stevenson: The Master of Ballantrae
1890	 Scotland Yard moves to Metropolitan Services in London as New Scotland Yard The Rhymer's Club (a group of poets led by W.B. Yeats and Ernest Rhys) begins to meet informally at the Cheshire Cheese in Fleet Street in London 	1890	 James George Frazer: The Golden Bough (volume one) Oscar Wilde: The Picture of Dorian Gray William Morris (1834-1896): News From Nowhere (serialized in Commonweal)
1891	The Great Blizzard	1891	 Thomas Hardy: Tess of the d'Urbervilles, A Group of Noble Dames William Morris: News from Nowhere(published as book) J.M. Barrie: The New Minister George Gissing: New Grub Street

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1892	Gladstone becomes Prime Minister at the head of Liberal Party	1892	 Arthur Conan Doyle: The Adventures of Sherlock Holmes Rudyard Kipling: Barrack- Room Ballads
1893	• Establishment of British Parsonage Museum	1893	Arthur Conan Doyle: The Refugees
1894	 Gladstone resigns as Prime Minister Debut performance of George Bernard Shaw's Arms and the Man 	1894	 Thomas Hardy: Life's Little Ironies Rudyard Kipling: The Jungle Book Arthur Conan Doyle: The Memoirs of Sherlock Holmes
1895	 The first performance of Oscar Wilde's comedy The Ideal Husband followed by the premiere of The Importance of Being Ernest soon at St James' Theatre Wilde convicted of gross indecency and sentenced two years hard labour (Regina vs. Wilde) General Elections won by Salisbury 	1895	 Joseph Conrad (1857-1924): <i>Almayer's Folly</i> Thomas Hardy: <i>Jude the Obscure</i> H.G. Wells (1866-1946):<i>The Time Machine</i>
1896	The Queen becomes the longest reigning monarch	1896	 Christina Rossetti: New Poems William Morris: The Well at the World's End H.G. Wells: The Island of Doctor Moreau Joseph Conrad: An Outcast of the Islands Robert Louis Stevenson: Weir of Hermiston

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1897	 Oscar Wilde released from Reading Gaol Celebration of the Queen's Diamond Jubilee of reign 	1897	 Joseph Conrad: The Nigger of Narcissus H.G. Wells: The Invisible Man Rudyard Kipling: Captains Courageous Henry James: What Maisie Knew William Somerset Maugham: Liza of Lambeth
1898		1898	 Thomas Hardy: Wessex Poems and Other Verses Henry James: The Turn of the Screw H.G. Wells: The War of the Worlds Oscar Wilde: The Ballad of Reading Gaol
1899	Second Boer War begins	1899	 Joseph Conrad : The Heart of Darkness Rudyard Kipling: The White Man's Burden
1900	British troops defeated in the Boers, in South Africa	1900	■ Joseph Conrad: Lord Jim
1901	Edwardian Era begins, with the death of Queen Victoria and ascension of Edward VII to the British Throne	1901	 Thomas Hardy: Poems of the Past and the Present Rudyard Kipling: Kim H.G Wells: The First men in the Moon