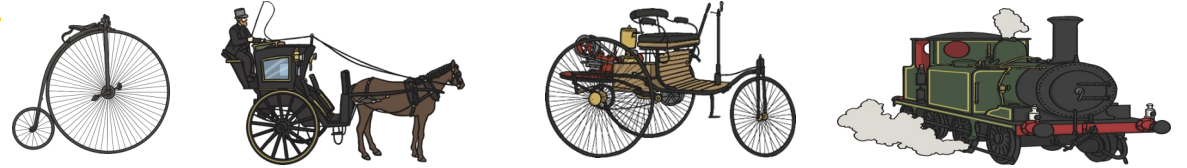




Key Vocabulary

era	a period of time
monarch	a ruler, such as a king, queen or emperor
reign	the time a person spends as king or queen
transport	the way to move things or people from one place to another
railway	the system of tracks, stations and trains
steam	water that has been turned into a gas
cheap	low in price

Transport



The Victorian era was an exciting time for transport changes. Although horses and carts, or carriages, were still the most common form of transport for people to use, steam trains had a huge effect. They could carry more people, over longer distances in a shorter amount of time and they were cheap enough for the poorer people to afford.

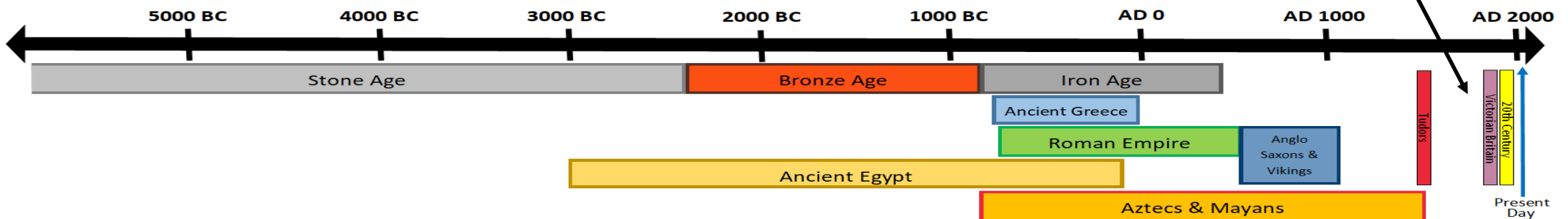


Queen Victoria was born on the 24th May, 1819. She is one of the most well-known monarchs of the United Kingdom. The Victorian Era is a period of time in the past that is named after her.

Queen Victoria was Queen Elizabeth II great—great grandmother and King Charles III great-great-great grandmother.



**Victorian Era
1837 to 1901**

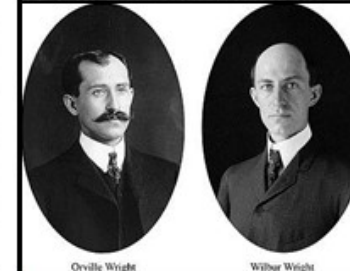
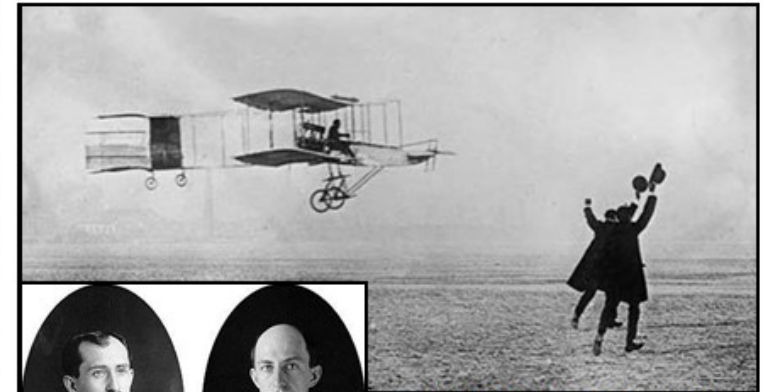




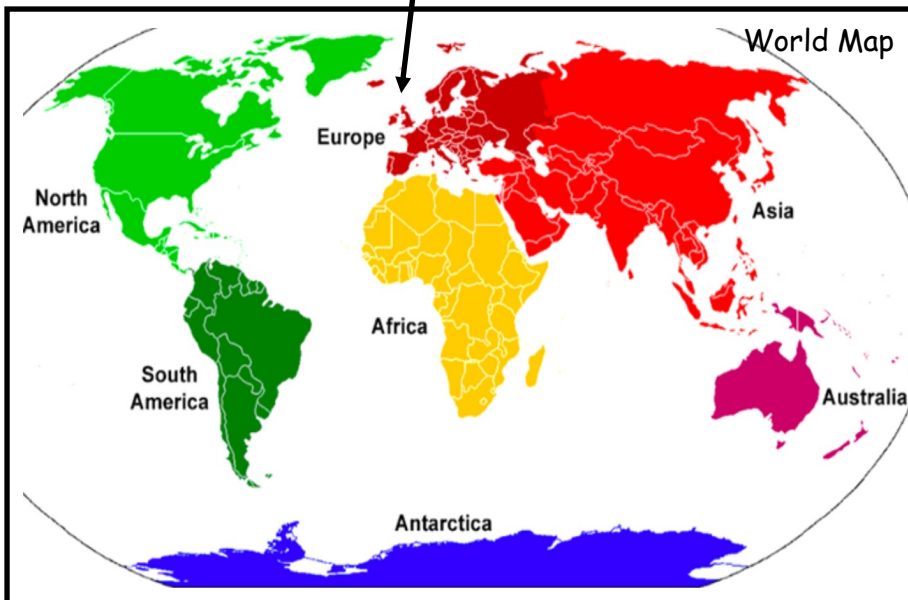
Technology and Transport



Isambard Kingdom Brunel designed the Great Western Railway, the Clifton Suspension Bridge, the Box Tunnel and London Paddington Station. All of these are still working today.



In 1903, the Wright brothers conquered heavier-than-air flight.



During the Victorian era, about 8,000 miles of new railway lines were built. People could travel between towns and the countryside more efficiently. Towns and cities were able to grow in size.

Obstacles such as rivers and hills had to be overcome so that the tracks could be built.

Key Vocabulary

cities	a place where many people live together
obstacle	something that blocks the way
technology	things created by humans to make things easier or solve problems
invention	a new thing someone has made