

## Victorian Era from stability to uncertainty

- Good things, but they were not the same for everyone (Darwin)
- Faith, lit, and government...slowly see a decline.

### major themes

- Q. Vic. influence on Society
- Immense changes in tech, trade and prosperity
  - Ind. rev. in full swing.
- Rise of Middle Class
  - Factory owners, entrepreneurs...
- Rule of Science: Evolution, Geology, Discovery
  - Darwin, clash with religion: Darwin set out to find the origin of species. Evidence that they were not all created in the same time. World was created gradually. When he published his findings, he disproved religion. "How can we trust the scriptures?" , new faiths are being discovered, knowledge of other faiths from travel and such.
- New Laws and Women's roles
  - Victoria's late faith that inheritance rights, property rights, education rights (women)
- Expansion of British Empire and rise of nationalism
- Industrialism and its worsening effects
  - Labour movements, slums, overcrowding in cities, prostitution,
- Declining Faith
- Decline of Victorian Values
  - morals, hypocrisy class conscious british society, patronize prostitution, then criticize.

### Major Authors

Tennyson,

A different voice: Browning

Rising Novelists: Dickens as a Critic of Society

Rising Women Authors

Late victorians: Shaw and Wilde

A new form of drama -play of ideas, not characters or events. Gibson, The Dollhouse.

Taking real people and exploring dilemmas that those people face.

The Final Decade: The Darkening Horizon.

## 20th century

- 🕒 Early Georgian Poetry - looking back to Romant.
  - 🕒 Poets of his period: Rupert Brooke, early W.B. Yeats
  - 🕒 Effects of W.W. I: optimism changes to pessimism
  - 🕒 Troubles in Ireland: Rise of communism and fascism
  - 🕒 Solider Poets: Brooke, Owen, Sassoon, and others
  - 🕒 Between the 2 wars: depression Era; economic and spiritual turmoil; decline of Imperialism
  - 🕒 Freud's theory of psychology emerges. Dreams.
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- 🕒 new Styles: Imagism, Realism, Cubism, "Stream of Consciousness"
  - 🕒 Major Poets: T.S Eliot, W.B. Yeats
  - 🕒 Difference between imagery (description) and imagism (use images to convey a message) : "Love song of J..."
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- 🕒 Post W.W. II
  - 🕒 Loss of Colonies; increase of immigrants to England
  - 🕒 Changes to English Language and Lit.
  - 🕒 "The Empire Strikes Back" :New post colonial writers from the liberated colonies appear
  - 🕒 Renewed strength of "English" lit. - Not necessarily of England birth.
  - 🕒 English becomes the "link" language of the world.

## Exam

- 🌟 4 parts, 1 optional
- 🌟 Poetry: 6 passages, pick 3 - Total of 18/60 marks
  - 🌟 title and author
  - 🌟 comment on theme, imagery, diction, allusions, figures of speech, rhyme scheme
- 🌟 Prose passages 18/60
- 🌟 4 passages, pick 3
  - 🌟 author/title
  - 🌟 Explain the context (at which point of plot is the passage found)
  - 🌟 Comment on its important in terms of the plot, setting, characters, outcome, foreshadowing, irony (as many as apply)
  - 🌟 Mrs Warren's Profession. is the drama.
  - 🌟 Poetry Essay 12/60 (600 words)
  - 🌟 4 topics, choose 1.
  - 🌟 genre of poetry

☀️ comparison between 2 poems on similar themes, discussion of a specific poem.

