A Long Nineteenth-Century British Timeline

1719 DeFoe, Robinson Crusoe
1773-1858 The East India Company (Inc. 1600) governs Hindustan
1789 Storming of the Bastille begins French Revolution
1798 Wordsworth and Coleridge, Lyrical Ballads
Dorothy Wordsworth, The Alfoxden Journal
1800 Maria Edgeworth, Castle Rackrent
Second Edition of Lyrical Ballads; Wordsworth's Preface included
1800 Iron hand-press, impact on printing technology
1800-1803 Dorothy Wordsworth, The Grasmere Journal
1807 Abolition of the slave trade
Mechanization of paper making
1811 Regency begins (Prince of Wales acts for George III)
1814 First use of steam in printing
1815 Battle of Waterloo
End of Napoleonic War
Corn Law Passed
1817 Coleridge, Biographia Literaria (response to Wordsworth’s Preface)
1818 Mary Shelley, Frankenstein
1819 Birth of Victoria
1819 Peterloo Massacre
1822 Rudolph Ackermann publishes the Forget Me Not, the first English Annual
1825 Macaulay, Essay on Milton
1826 Society for the Diffusion of Useful Knowledge
1828 Test and Corporation Acts Repealed
First publication of the Keepsake, another annual
1828 Catholic Emancipation Act
1830-1803 Lyell, Principles of Geology
1830 First Steam-powered railway
1832 The Reform Bill
1833 Abolition of Slavery in the British Empire
Factory Act passed
1837 Accession of Queen Victoria (to 1901)
1838 People's Charter published
Anti-Corn League founded
First regular Atlantic steamship
1839 Photography established by Louis Daguerre and William Henry Fox Talbot
1840 Dickens, Old Curiosity Shop (serialized)
Percy Shelley, A Defence of Poetry
1842 Mudie’s Circulating Library founded
Copyright extended to 42 years or 7 yrs after dead
1843 Wordsworth Poet Laureate
1844 Factory Act (women and children)
1845 Repeal of the Corn Laws
Engels, The Condition of the Working Class in England
1845-1850 Famine in Ireland
1846 Repeal of Corn Laws.
Commercial telegraph service begins (patented 1837)
1847 Marx and Engels, The Communist Manifesto
1847 First operation using chloroform
Ten Hours Act (limits working day)
1848 Irish uprisings
The Pre-Raphaelite Brotherhood
Revolutions through western Europe
Public Health Act
Christian Socialist Movement begins
Gov’t temporarily takes over telegraph system
WH Smith sets up bookstalls in railway stations
1848 Queen's College founded (to instruct women)
Communist Manifesto published (Marx)
1849  Bedford College for women established
1850  Tennyson, *In Memoriam*
      Tennyson Poet Laureate
1851  Crystal Palace Exhibition
1854  The Crimean War (1854-56)
1854  London Working Men's College founded
1855  Abolition of Newspaper Tax
      *Daily Telegraph*, first mass circulation daily newspaper
1856  **Barrett Browning, Aurora Leigh**
1857  Matrimonial Causes Act
1857  The Indian Mutiny
1858  Victoria proclaims permanent British rule of India
1859  Darwin, *Origin of Species*
1860  **Collins, Woman in White**
1861  American Civil War (through 1865)
1865  Transatlantic cable opened
      antisepctic surgery
      *Carroll, Alice's Adventures in Wonderland*
1867  Karl Marx, *Das Kapital*
      The Second Reform Bill
1869  Girton College, Cambridge, admits women
1870  Franco-Prussian War (emergence of German as industrial world power)
      Education Act
      London linked to Bombay
1871  Darwin, *Descent of Man*
      *Carroll, Through the Looking Glass*
1872  Secret Ballot adopted for elections
1875  Victoria proclaimed Empress of India
      *Carroll, Hunting of the Snark*
1876  The Third Reform Bill
1879  Incandescent lamp created (Edison & Swann)
      British Museum lights up
1880  Huxley, *Science and Culture*
1882  Arnold, *Literature and Science*
1884  *The Importance of Being Earnest,* performed
      Wilde arrested, begins Trials of Oscar Wilde and enforcement of sodomy laws
1886  **Haggard, King Solomon's Mines & She**
      Golden Jubilee
      “Bloody Sunday” (Socialist demonstration at Trafalgar Square)
1888  Kipling, *Plain Tales from the Hills*
1892  Internal combustion engine patented (Rudolf Diesel)
1895  X-ray created
1895  Wilde, “The Importance of Being Earnest,” performed
1897  Victoria’s Diamond Jubilee
      *Stoker, Dracula*
1899-1902 Boer War
1901  Kipling, *Kim*
      Death of Victoria
1902  Conrad, *Heart of Darkness*
1903  First powered flight by the Wright brothers