**Transition to the Victorians**
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**Important Events & Dates**
- literacy
  - increase of reading materials and incandescent lights
  - cheaper than candles and allowed people to read later in the evening
- communication
  - telegraph, telephone, radio and photography
- 1830 First steam-powered railway
- **1832 First Reform Bill & Corn Laws**
  - Reform Bill allowed vote to tenants w/rent of 50 pounds or more yearly
  - don’t have to own land
  - Corn Laws tried to protect import of agriculture, but instead raised food prices
- 1837 Victoria ascends to throne

**Victorian Authors & Poets**

**Charles Dickens**
- Matthew Arnold (“Dover Beach”)

**George Eliot (Middlemarch)**
- Robert Louis Stevenson (Dr. Jekyll & Mr. Hyde)

**Thomas Hardy (Jude the Obscure)**
- Dante Gabriel Rossetti (Pre-Raphaelite)

**John Ruskin (architectural critic)**
- Christina Rossetti (“Goblin Market”)

**John Stuart Mill (championed women’s rights)**
- William Morris (Pre-Raphaelite; like William Blake)

**Alfred, Lord Tennyson (equal to Wordsworth)**
- Walter Pater (critic)

**Elizabeth Barrett Browning (“How do I love thee”)**
- Gerald Manley Hopkins (poet)

**John Henry Cardinal Newman (Catholicism)**
- Frances Trollope (novelist)

**Robert Browning (“My Last Duchess”)**
- Anthony Trollope (novelist)

**Edward Fitzgerald (The Rubáiyát)**
- William Makepeace Thackeray (Vanity Fair)

**Charles Darwin (On the Origins of Species)**
- Lewis Carroll (Alice in Wonderland)

**George Sand (French)**
- Edward Lear (“Owl & the Pussycat”)

**Coventry Patmore (“Angel in the House”)**
- Beatrix Potter (Peter Rabbit)

**Charlotte Brontë (Jane Eyre)**
- Henry James

**Emily Brontë (Wuthering Heights)**
- Rudyard Kipling (Just So Stories)

**Elizabeth Gaskell (novelist)**
- H. Rider Haggard (King Solomon’s Mines)

**Sir Arthur Conan Doyle (Sherlock Holmes novels)**
- Oscar Wilde (The Picture of Dorian Gray)

**Florence Nightingale (ultimate nurse)**
- “Michael Field”

**Sarah Stickney Ellis (women’s rights/duties)**
- Bram Stoker (Dracula)

**Wilkie Collins (The Moonstone)**
- D.H. Lawrence (Sons & Lovers)

**Caroline Norton (defeated coverture)**
- E.M. Forester (A Passage to India)

**Queen Victoria (letters published; anti-feminist)**

**Interesting Victorian Websites**
- The Victorian Web (http://www.victorianweb.org/)
- Victoria Research Web (http://victorianresearch.org/)
- Victorian Women Writer’s Project (http://www.indiana.edu/~letrs/vwwp/)