

Key Vocabulary

Empire – a group of states or countries ruled over by one monarch

Britain's imperial century – the period between 1815 and 1914 when the British Empire was at its largest and most powerful

The Great Exhibition – the very first World's Fair (1851) – a celebration of the British Empire's diversity and richness

Population – how many people live in a particular place

Wealth – amount of money or valuable possessions

Trade - to take part in the exchange, purchase, or sale of goods

Architecture – buildings' design and structure

Headers - a brick laid so that its end is showing

Stretchers - is a brick laid so that its side is showing

Flemish brick bonding - formed by laying headers and stretchers alternately in each row of bricks

Bay window - a window built to project outwards from an outside wall

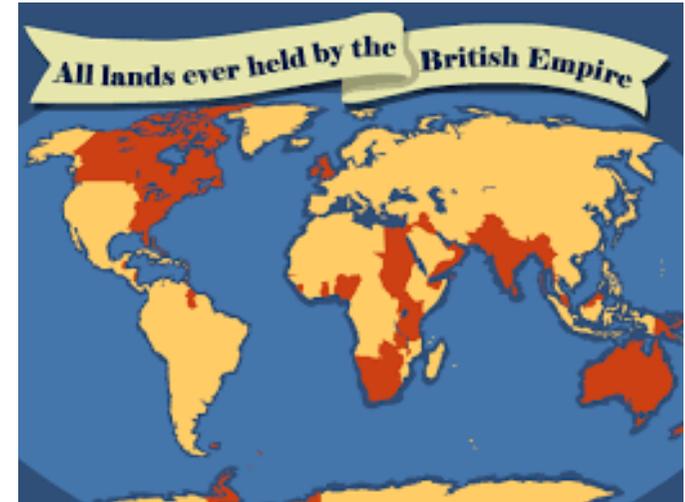
Sash window - a window with one or two panes of glass which can be slid vertically to make an opening

Slate – a grey or blue stone which is often split into large, flat pieces and used on roofs

Victorian architecture is distinctive. Here are some key features of a Victorian house:

- Patterned bricks and Flemish brick bonding – this was because the development of railways made it easier to transport bricks around the country
- Houses with bay and sash windows
- Multiple chimneys as most rooms had an open fire
- Slate on the roof
- Stained glass windows in the doors

More people were moving from the countryside to towns and cities and so terraced houses were introduced. Richer people lived in bigger houses called villas which had a garden to the front and rear as well as room for a servant to live.



The countries that were part of the British Empire. When it was at its largest, during Britain's imperial century, Queen Victoria ruled over a quarter of the world's population. During the Victorian era, the trade that occurred between the countries within the British Empire made Britain a very wealthy country. This trade also meant that in 1851, the first World's Fair was held. This was an exhibition of diversity and culture and was held in Hyde Park, London.

Flemish bond brickwork



Patterned brickwork



Sash and bay window

Can you spot Victorian architecture around Loughborough? What clues have you found to identify it? Do you or someone that you know live in a Victorian Period house? How does it differ from a modern home?