

THE V I C T O R I A N A G E (1837—1900)

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A Brief Introduction of the Age

- It was the time exactly comes after the Romantic age.
- The Victorian Age starts with the reign of the Queen Victoria means from 1837



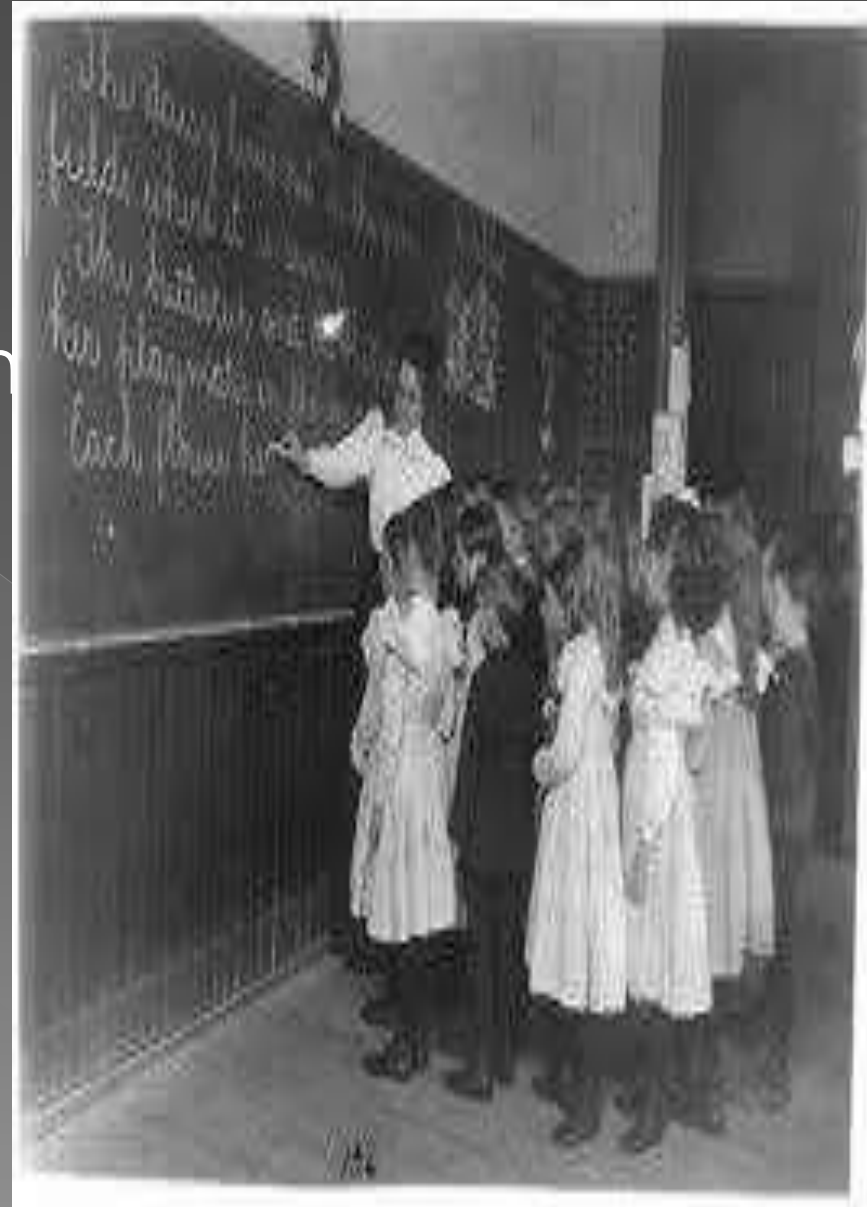
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- This age is also known as ' The compromise '.
- William. J .Long in his book writes for this age “ THE MORDEN PERIOD OF PROGRESS AND UNREST” .



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- Educational opportunities for women
- First women college established in 1848 in London .
- Women could take degrees at twelve University colleges .



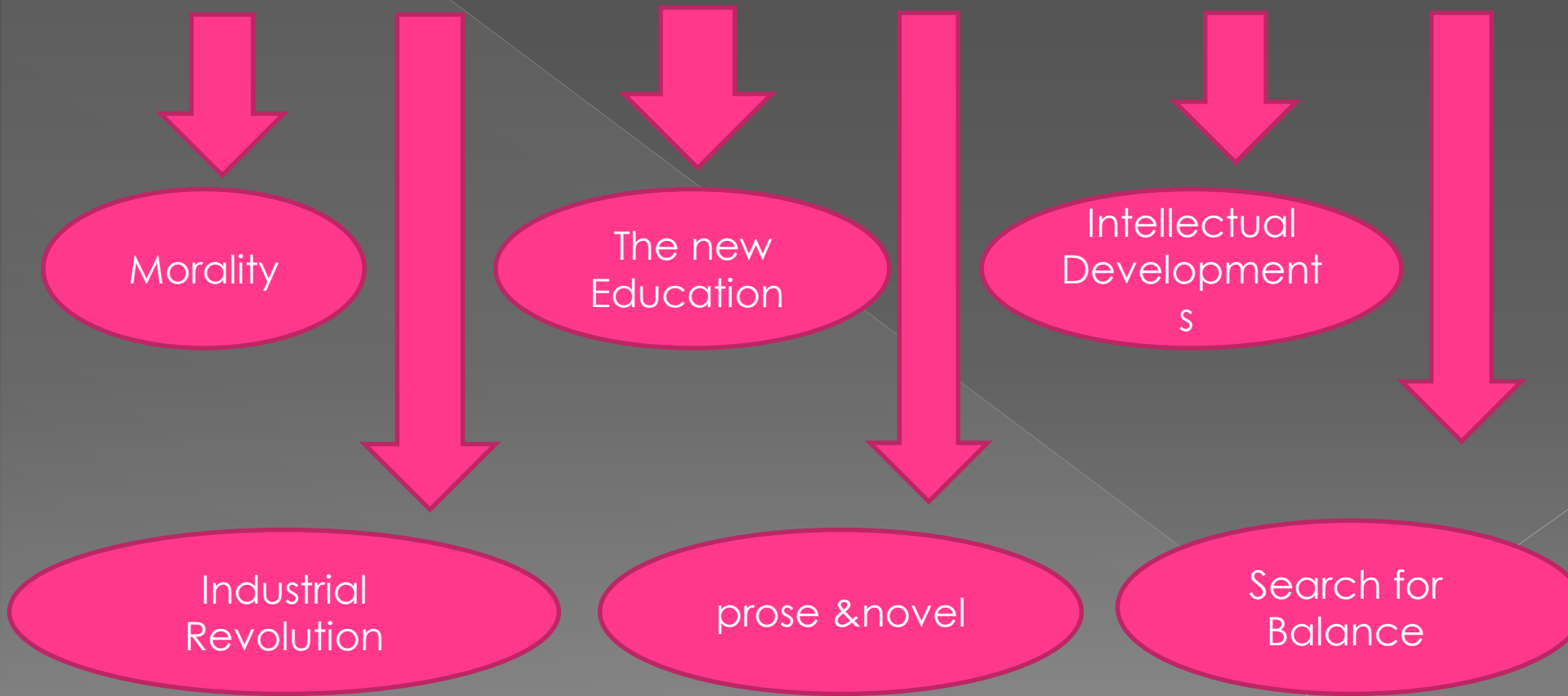
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- It was a long period of peace , prosperity , refined , culture , great advancements in technology and national self confidence for Britain .
- It can be divided into two periods
- High Victorian literature
- late Victorian literature

What is Victorian Time?

- The adjective “Victorian” was first used in 1851 to celebrate the nation’s mounting pride in its institutions and commercial success .
- This historical period is defined by the duration of monarch’s rule, rather than any one unifying idea as was the case with the Romantics .

Characteristics of the Victorian Age



Morality

□ This shows that slowly the people were losing the free meaning of literature and that is why during this time novel

as well as prose was the popular forms.

□ We read the fun and sentiment of Dickens , the social miniatures of Thackeray, or the psychological studies of George Eliot , we find in almost every case a definite purpose to sweep away error and to reveal the underlying

truth of human life . Immorality of morality starts during this time .

The New Education

- They were the first people to ask whether it was right to allow children to work.
- The Victorians came up with the idea that all children should go to school .
- They introduced laws saying what you could and could not expect children to do.

Industrial Revolution

□ The industrial revolution rapidly gained pace

during Victoria's reign because of the power of steam .

Victorian engineers developed bigger , faster and more

powerful machines that could run whole factories .

Intellectual time and development

- This time of a intellectual development
- *On the Origin of species* of Darwin shook to its foundations scientific thought
- The first photographs were taken in the 1830 .
- The very first electric train was invited by a German in 1879 .

The Age of Prose & Novel

□ The Victorian age was essentially the age of prose and novel. W. J Long in his book of English literature says.

“The novels were looking like the bright stars in the sky of England during the Victorian era.

□ The great novelists (like Charles dickens Thomas hardy , William Thackeray , George Eliot and Anne Bronte) Filled the sky of the Victorian era with their novels

some important novels

Charles Dickens :- Oliver Twists , Hard Times

Thomas Hardy :- The Return of the native

George Eliot :- Middle march , Romulo

□ These novels are just an ice-berg in the ocean of the Victorian novels.

The Search for Balance

This Period the writers tried to balance the Romantic as well as the Classical influence this is well observed in the works of J.S. mill During this time the new religious Movement called the oxford movement was started . This movement shows a search for balance.

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