

*The Oxford English Dictionary.....*

## **Victorian, *a.*<sup>2</sup> and *n.*<sup>1</sup>**

### **A. *adj.***

**1.** Of or belonging to, designating, or typical of the reign of Queen Victoria (1837-1901).

**2. *fig.*** Resembling or typified by the attitudes supposedly characteristic of the Victorian era; prudish, strict; old-fashioned, out-dated.

**3.** Special collocations: ***Victorian Gothic*** *adj.*, designating the style of architecture typical of the Gothic Revival (see Gothic *a.* 1d); freq. *absol.* as *n.*; ***Victorian-Italianate*** *adj.*, designating a style of architecture revived in the nineteenth century in imitation of that of the Italian Renaissance.

### **B. *n.***

**1.** A person, esp. an author, who lived in the reign of Queen Victoria.

**2. a.** An article of furniture from the time of Queen Victoria.

**b. U.S.** A house built during the reign of Queen Victoria.

Hence **Victorianist**; **Victorianize** *v.*; **Victorianized** *ppl. a.*