

VICTORIAN AGE
and
VICTORIAN SOCIETY

The reign of **Queen Victoria** lasted from **1837 to 1901** (*the longest ever in English history until September 2015, when **Queen Elizabeth II** beat this record*).

In those years **Britain was a very rich and powerful country:**
a sort of "**SUPERPOWER**" that dominated the world (*the **British Empire...***).

"Respectability"

was the most important thing
for the Victorians.

But **respectability** was related
to **hypocrisy** .

HYPOCRITE: a person who pretends to have opinions he does not have, or to be what he is not.

The Picture of Dorian Gray, which appeared in 1891, really shocked the public opinion.

A few years later, the Victorian society took a terrible revenge on Oscar Wilde.