

# LECTURE 5

## THE UK



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# PLAN

- The British Empire and Victorian England
- The Two World Wars
- The Postwar



# VICTORIAN PERIOD

- William IV (liver disease) – 1837
- 18 year old niece Victoria (1819-1901)
- Lord Melbourne
- Her cousin Prince Albert of Saxe-Coburg-Gotha
- The Great Exhibition (the 1<sup>st</sup> World Fair) – 1851 – South Kensington Museum – renamed the Victoria and Albert Museum
- The Opium Wars (with China)
- The Boer Wars (with the Dutch speaking settlers of South Africa)
- 1854 – the Crimean War – on the side of the Ottoman Empire against Russia
- Florence Nightingale – improvement of the women's conditions



# VICTORIAN PERIOD

- Albert dies in 1861 – 42
- John Brown
  
- Benjamin Disraeli and William Ewart Gladstone
- Gladstone – universal education and universal suffrage
  
- 64 years



# THE TWO WORLD WARS

- “grandmother of Europe”
- The Great War (WWI) – 1914-1918
- The Labour Party
- The General Strike – 1926
- 1928
  
- 1936 – Edward VII – Wallis Simpson
- George VI



# THE SECOND WORLD WAR

- Nazi Germany
- After the invasion of Poland in September 1939
- Winston Churchill - 1940



# THE POSTWAR

- 1945 – bankrupt
- India and Pakistan on 1947
- To the Asian, African and Caribbean colonies in the 50s-80s
- The British Commonwealth of Nations – 53 states – 1.8 billion people



# ELIZABETH II

- 1952
- B. 1926
- 60s – pop and rock music
- 70s – oil crisis
- Margaret Thatcher – 1979 – 1990 – the Iron Lady
- John Major
- 1997 – Tony Blair

