



Otázka: British History from the 19th Century

Jazyk: Angličtina

Přidal(a): adelao

- (1801) Act of Union creates the United Kingdom
- (1807) Britain abolishes the slave trade

VICTORIAN ERA (1837-1901)

- period of industrial, cultural, political and scientific change under the reign of Queen Victoria
- great expansion of the **British Empire** (covered almost a quarter of the Earth's total land area)
 - (1876) Queen Victoria is declared the Empress of India
 - **Boer Wars** – British vs. Dutch farmers over the domination of South Africa region (British won)
 - **Great Famine** (or Irish Potato Famine) – Irish were dependent on the potato which was devastated by a potato disease (1 million people died and a million more emigrated)
 - (1901) Queen Victoria dies as the longest female monarch in history

WORLD WAR I (1914-1918)

- (1914) Britain declares war on Germany
- first use of new weapons, poison gas, tanks, aircraft
- The Battle of Jutland – the biggest naval battle of the war



INTERWAR PERIOD

- unemployment and poverty
- (1919-1921) **Irish War of Independence** -Irish Republican Army vs. British
 - Anglo-Irish Treaty which resulted in partition of the island (**Irish Free State**)
 - Australia, New Zealand, Canada and South Africa gain autonomy
 - All women over the age of 21 get the vote
 - Alexander Fleming discovers penicillin
 - (1931) Commonwealth of Nations (from 1949 just Commonwealth)
 - (1937) George VI is crowned king

WORLD WAR II (1939-1945)

- (1939) Britain declares war on Germany in response to the invasion of Poland
- (1940) **Winston Churchill** (conservative) becomes prime minister
- **Battle of Britain** (air battle) – Luftwaffe (Germans) vs. Royal Air Force (British won)
- “Blitzkrieg war” – a tactic based on speed and surprise, designed to hit hard and move on instantly
- (1945) United Nations comes into existence with Britain as a founder member

POST-WAR ERA

- (1947) India gains independence
- (1948) Olympic Games in London
- (1952) **Elizabeth II** is crowned queen
- 1950s – higher standards of living (more motor cars, TVs, washing machines, etc.)
 - (1956) First nuclear power station
 - 1960s – increasingly tolerant and liberal attitudes, The Beatles
 - (1973) UK joined EEC (now EU)
 - (1979) **Margaret Thatcher** (conservative) becomes the first female prime minister
 - (1997) Britain hands Hong Kong back to China
 - (1997) Diana, Princess of Wales, dies in a car crash in Paris
 - (1997) Tony Blair (Labour)
 - (2007-2010) Gordon Brown (Labour)



- (2010-) **David Cameron** (conservative)
- (2012) Olympic Games in London