

## Victoria Day Activities

**Learn about Queen Victoria** Victoria Day honors England's Queen Victoria. Help



your residents learn the story of her life and her accomplishments. Find a biography of her life at the library or download images of her from the internet. Visit Wikipedia online to find information about [Queen Victoria](#).

**Victorian Era Film Fest** Some of the best period films take place during the reign of Queen Victoria, the Victorian era (1837 to 1901). Period films are an



entertaining way to understand the life and times of the Victorian Era. Some classics include *Mrs. Brown*, *Jane Eyre*, *Bleak House*, *Little Lord Fauntleroy*, *Anna Karenina*, *A Little Princess*, *Amistad*,

*Anna and the King*, and *Around the World in 80 Days*.

**Afternoon Tea** Host a proper British afternoon tea. Share the [history](#) of the English custom. Gather your residents to create some traditional [tea time recipes](#). *Perhaps* someone has a special tea set to use for the occasion.





**Queen for a day** Many of your residents probably remember watching the campy 1960s TV show [Queen for a Day](#). Have your residents watch a classic episode and share memories. Did they watch the show?

**Victorian Newspaper** Discover more about life during Victorian times by reading newspaper articles from the time. [Victorian Newspaper Articles](#)



**Fireworks** Victoria Day is traditionally celebrated with a fireworks display. If fireworks are legal in your area, put on a display for your residents and their guests.

**BBQ** Barbecues are also a popular way to celebrate Victoria Day. The weather is starting to warm up in May, so it is the perfect time to host an outdoor barbecue or picnic with typical Canadian fare. Find Canadian recipes on your iN2L system in the Travel section.



**Gardening** May is the perfect time to plant a garden. Honor Queen Victoria by planting a traditional country [English Garden](#). Cultivate plants, flowers, and herbs that can be used and enjoyed within your community.

**Drawing** Simple pen and ink drawing was a favorite pastime during Victorian times. Pass out pencils, pens, and paper to your residents and let the drawing begin.



**Scrap Album** Making scrap albums was a popular Victorian activity. Print small pictures from the internet or cut them from magazines to assemble in a scrap book. Residents can document important events in their past, favorite items, or happenings within the community.



**Parlour Games** In the days before television and computers, people living during the Victorian era entertained themselves with games. Try a few of these popular [parlour games](#) with your residents or invited guests.

**Prepare a Piece** Another common practice while entertaining guests during Victorian times was to “prepare a piece.” Ask your staff and residents to prepare a piece to be performed. It could be a poem or verse that is read, a song, or a musical piece played on an instrument.

