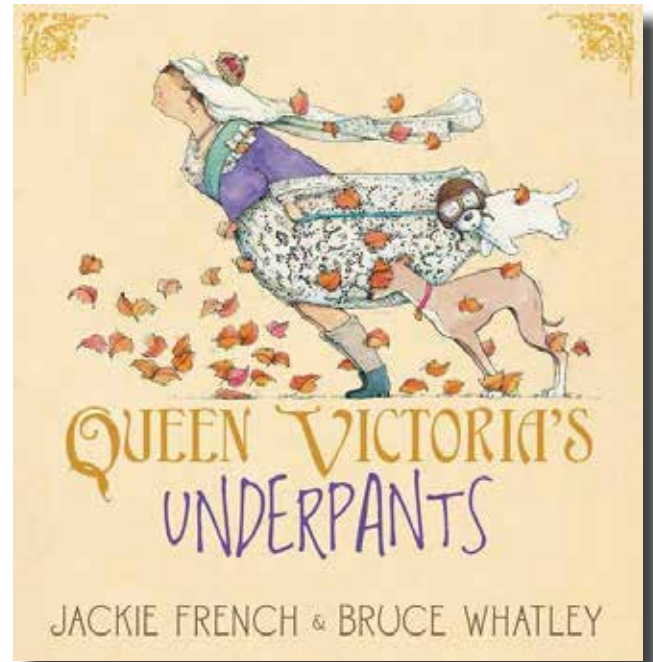


## Queen Victoria's Underpants

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Very few people probably know that Queen Victoria made the wearing of underpants popular. At the beginning of her reign, very few women wore them. But Queen Victoria made tartans, perambulators and chloroform fashionable. By the time she died just about every woman in Britain wore underpants like hers.

**Research:** Do some research on Queen Victoria, Napoleon and Captain Cook.  
 You be the judge: Who do you think had the greatest impact on history?



	Queen Victoria	Napoleon	Captain Cook
Event 1			
Event 2			
Event 3			
Event 4			
Event 5			
Event 6			
Event 7			
Event 8			

The person who had the greatest impact:

Reason:

**Compare and Contrast:** Use the Compare and Contrast template:  
[http://www.readwritethink.org/files/resources/lesson\\_images/lesson275/comcon\\_chart.pdf](http://www.readwritethink.org/files/resources/lesson_images/lesson275/comcon_chart.pdf)

Compare and contrast the type of underwear worn in cold climates to that worn in hot climates.

**Create:**

a. Use the BAR Thinker's Key to design another pair of underpants for Queen Victoria.

Make it BIGGER	ADD something	REPLACE/REMOVE something
What did I make bigger and why?	What did I add and why?	What did I replace/remove and why?

b. Compose an advertising jingle to promote your newly designed underwear.

**Questioning:**

- a. The answer is Underpants. Think-Pair-Share 5 questions which will have the answer 'Underpants.'
- b. Prepare a list of questions you would ask if you were to interview an underwear designer like Calvin Klein, Elle McPherson or Peter Alexander. You will need to research these designers before you form your questions. Using a KWL chart may help you prepare.

**Role Play**

- a. Victoria had a reputation for being very serious in public but also having a fun side in private. Look carefully at the illustrations in this story. Do they show these two sides of her effectively? Assess and explain.
- b. Mime

Queen Victoria

- trying to hold her skirts down on a windy day
- roller-skating
- playing the bagpipes.
- taking ladylike steps
- having ants in her pants
- Lace-makers twirling their bobbins.
- Mum cutting out the underpants
- Bridget's father driving the first steam train

Your audience will guess who you are and what you are doing. On a PMI chart, record what was done well, what would have improved the performance and an interesting move that would add to the mime.

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