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QUEEN VICTORIA'S REIGN (1837-1901)

When George IV died, in 1837, he was succeeded by his niece, Queen Victoria (1837-1901), the last of Hannover family to sit on the throne of England.

At that time the working class lived in very poor conditions: workers' demonstrations were common. The largest workers' movement was that of the Chartists, so called because they asked for a charter of social reforms: among them the extension of the right to vote to the working class.

However the Chartist Movement failed. It's only in 1867 that a second reform gave workers the right to vote, and with a third Reformation Bill suffrage was extended to all workers.

The Conservatives grew out of the old Tories, and the Liberals out of the Whigs.

The old struggle between land-owners –mainly conservative- and industrialists and tradesmen –mainly liberal- still continued.

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