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*Victoria* commemorates Queen Victoria (1819-1901), who began her British reign in 1837 and married Albert, Prince of Saxe-Coburg-Gotha (1819-1861) in 1840. The couple had nine children between 1840 and 1857. After the death of her husband (from typhoid) in 1861 she always wore black and was rarely seen in public until the late 1860s (although she continued conscientiously to see her ministers and deal with correspondence). She survived seven assassination attempts between 1840 and 1882 which only served to increase her popularity – as did Prince Albert's 1851 Crystal Palace Exhibition (the proceeds of which were used to buy land for cultural and industrial museums in Kensington). Apart from significant artistic, industrial, imperial and political changes and advances during the Victorian era (as well as important shifts in British society), the period is also remembered for Victoria's strict moral code.