

# Victorianism – Final Thoughts

- Age of transition, change, transformation, time and speed, reform
- Living as an individual vs living as a social being—as a member of society
- Looking to the past (e.g., history) for solutions to/to critique the present
- Looking outward – focus on social problems and issues that result from the Industrial Revolution and social transformation: sanity and madness, work/labor/working conditions (Condition of England Question), education, empire
- The Woman Question: greater rights for women and debate about the role of women in Victorian society
- Development of literary forms and techniques, e.g., dramatic monologue