

# HEIGHT OF EMPIRE—CHARACTERS

## BRITISH EMPIRE—1815 TO 1902

### END OF NAPOLEONIC WARS TO SECOND BOER WAR

#### MONARCHS/STATESMEN

- Victoria I** 1819–1901 Longest reigning English Monarch. Presided over the British Empire at its height.
- Robert Peel** 1788–1850 Important Victorian Era British prime minister who oversaw several free market and political reforms.
- Benjamin Disraeli** 1804–1881 Prime Minister, Author, and conservative rival of Gladstone.
- William Gladstone** 1809–1898 Prime minister and member of the Liberal Party. Opponent of Disraeli.
- Charles Parnell** 1846–1891 Irish Catholic politician who fought for home rule for Ireland.
- Cecil Rhodes** 1853–1902 Power broker in South Africa, tried to turn all provinces into a British Colony.

#### MILITARY

- Lord Raglan** 1788–1855 Field Marshall of English Forces during the Crimean War.
- Henry Havelock** 1795–1857 Led a division to relieve Lucknow during the Sepoy Rebellion. Died during the siege.
- William Brydon** 1811–1873 Surgeon in the Bengal army; sole survivor of the massacre at Khyber pass in Afghanistan.
- Charles Gordon** 1833–1885 General who defeated the Tai-pings in China, served as governor in Soudan and resisted the Mahdi in Khartoum.
- Lord Roberts** 1832–1914 Career officer, saw service in Indian Mutiny, Afghanistan, Abyssinia, India and South Africa.
- Horatio Kitchener** 1850–1916 Military hero of the late 19th century, first in Sudan, and later in the Boer Wars
- John Franklin** 1786–1847 Explorer of the Artic regions of Canada.

#### ART AND LITERATURE

- Sir Walter Scott** 1771–1832 Author best known for novels set in Scotland.
- Elizabeth Barrett Browning** 1809–1861 Eminent poet of the Victorian era. Married to Robert Browning.
- Charles Dickens** 1812–1870 Prolific novelist of the Victorian Era. Wrote *David Copperfield*, *A Christmas Carol* and others.
- Thomas Carlyle** 1795–1881 Popular Victorian age essayist and historian.
- Alfred Tennyson** 1809–1892 Best known poet of he Victorian Age. Write *Idylls of the King* and many others.
- Rudyard Kipling** 1865–1936 Kipling's novel's and poetry are associated with British Imperialism, for good and ill.

#### HEROINES

- Grace Darling** 1815–1842 British heroine who saved sailors from a ship that crashed on her father's lighthouse.
- Florence Nightingale** 1820–1910 Nurse who reformed the care of wounded soldiers during the Crimean War.