

<p>Further down the Seine, the poor were occupied with the struggle for daily survival. Average life expectancy was 46. Families had to fend for themselves. If they were homeless or out of work, they received no help from the State.</p>	<p>0.00 minutes Images of poor in Paris washing clothes in the river</p>
<p>The world was a less crowded place. It's population would grow 4 times over the next 100 years and still most lived on the land working in drudgery.</p>	<p>0.42 minutes Images of rural life</p>
<p>Few ever glimpsed the remote political figures or monarchs who ruled over them. But just occasionally they did. (Interview) The solemn state funeral held for Victoria in 1901 was a reminder of all that hadn't changed politically even at a time of material progress. Two Kings, two Emperors, twenty-four Princes and thirteen Royal Dukes followed her coffin. This was the old order. A handful of European dynasties, all related to one another, ruled over half the world.</p>	<p>1.00 minutes Images of the Funeral in Victorian London</p>
<p>The British Empire was largest of all. A corner stone of National life, it gave people a feeling of superiority over foreigners. The proudest possession was India. 290 Million Indians had their country run for them by an elite of 5000 British officials.</p>	<p>2.50 minutes Images of Empire</p>