



Victorian Soldiers and the British Empire

During the reign of Queen Victoria the British Empire expanded across the world. This growth meant that thousands of British soldiers were posted around the world to places very different to their own homes. This activity explores the experiences of these soldiers in three significant areas: South Africa, the Crimea and India. **Answer the following questions in pairs**



1) As you go around the museum mark Great Britain, South Africa, India and the Crimea onto this map.

Find the Boer War case.

2) Which two Boer states were involved? ----- and -----

3) Which European country were the Boers originally from? -----

4) Give **one** important reason why we wanted to control the area where the Boers had settled.

5) The 2nd Battalion were sent to South Africa. Can you name **three** other groups of soldiers from Norfolk who fought in the Boer War?

6) Can you find **three** things that would have made life difficult and uncomfortable for members of the 2nd Battalion?

7) The Boer War prompted a major change in British combat tactics. Fill in this table to find out more.

Change of Situation	Change of Tactic
Armed Enemy	
Terrain	
Infantry	

Look at the case about life in India

8) What was the name of the company which traded in India from 1645? -----

9) What did British people in India call themselves? -----

10) What event happened between 1857-1859? -----

11) This event changed the relations between the British in India and Indians. Find **two** examples, which show this change.

12) How do you think you would feel if you were someone from India being governed by the British?

Find the case about the Crimean War

13) During the Crimean War, the British and the -----
armies were fighting the -----army.

14) We did not actually have colonial interests in this area. Can you find one main reason why we were fighting there?

15) What do you think was the greatest challenge facing the Victorian soldiers during the Crimean War?

I need to ask a question about medical reformers here!!!