



## Victorian Soldiers and the British Empire

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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.



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 2<sup>nd</sup> Battalion were sent to South Africa. Can you name three other groups of soldiers from Norfolk who fought in the Boer War?

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

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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	

Turn around and look at the panel 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.

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

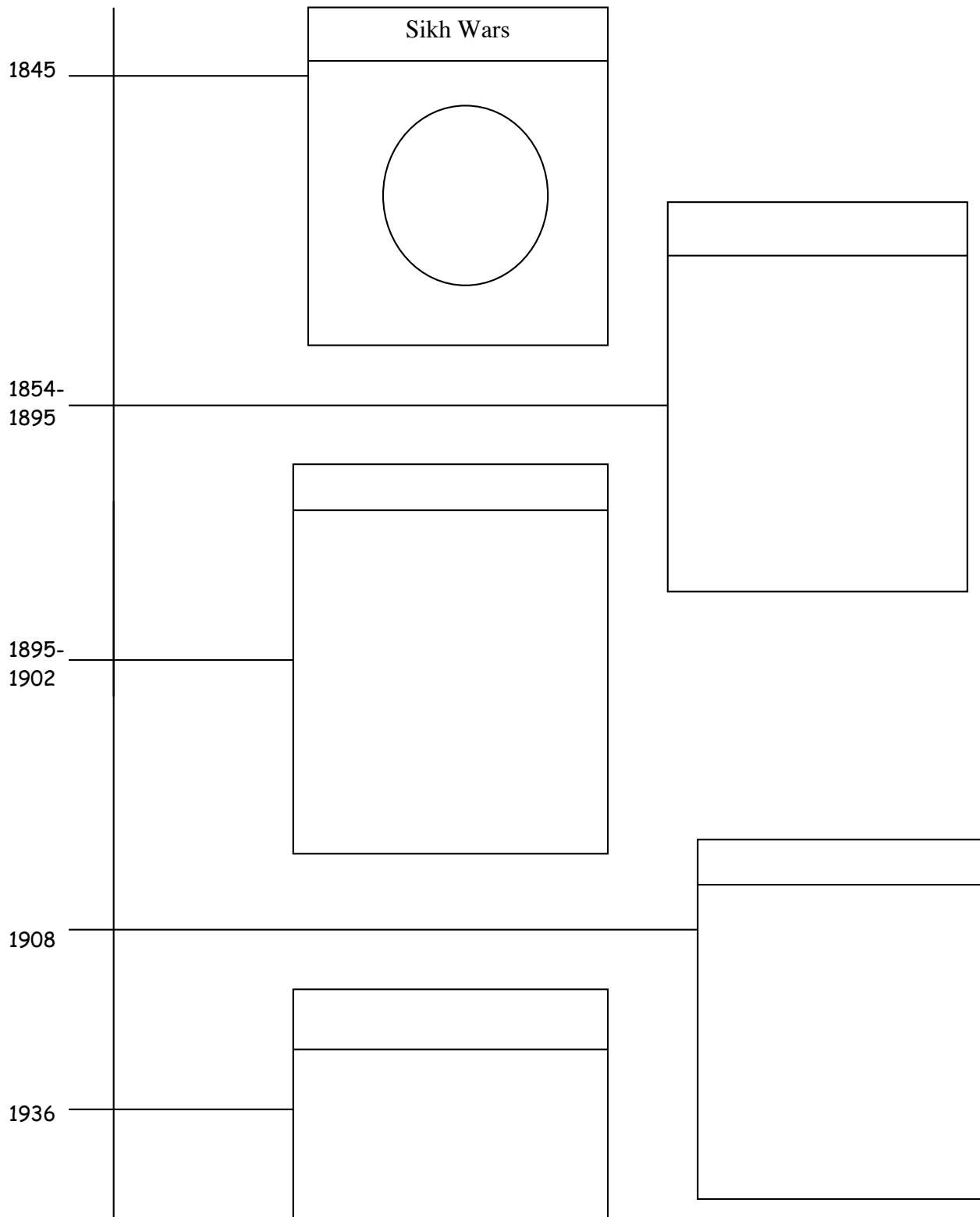
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Now move upstairs.

13) What am I?

14) The British were in India for a long time. Look at the medals and complete the timeline to get an idea of how long the Royal Norfolk Regiment were active in this area.



So, how many years are there between when the first and last medals were awarded?  
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**Find the case about the Crimean War**

15) During the Crimean War the British and the ----- armies were fighting  
the ----- army

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

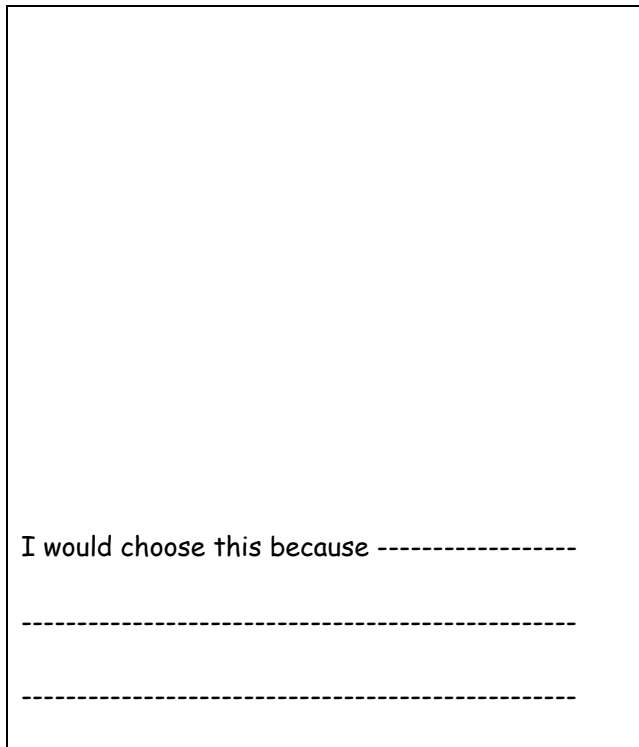
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17) What do you think was the greatest challenge facing Victorian soldiers during the Crimean War?

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

18) Look at the Russian icons brought back by British soldiers. Think about what you would bring back and draw it here.



I would choose this because -----  
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Think about what you have learnt and discuss the idea of Empire back at school!