Victorian Era + Pygmalion
Pygmalion Setting

- Written in 1913 by George Bernard Shaw
- Set in London in the early 1900s at the end of the Victorian Era
The Victorian Era

- Describes the time period during the reign of Queen Victoria in England, from 1837-1901
- Typically associated with adjectives like ‘repressed’ and ‘old-fashioned’
- In contrast: also known as the second English Renaissance, with many advancements in science and society
Role of Women in Victorian Era

- A woman’s place was in the home
- Taking care of a house and being a mother were considered sufficient emotional fulfillment for women.
- Queen Victoria was married to Albert and was considered the “mother of the nation.”
Ideal Woman in Victorian Society

- Thought to be good and virtuous
- Pious, respectable, and busy
- Devoted to her husband and her family, as well as God
Inequities between men and women initiated a debate about women’s roles know as “The Woman Question”

Women were denied the right to vote or hold political office and severely limited in the types of jobs available to them.

By the end of the Victorian period, however, women could take degrees at 12 universities and own property in marriage.