Sexuality and Morality in Victorian Times

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Religion

- Predominantly protestant
- Created “super” work ethic
- Distractions from work are evil
AAUGH! ANKLES!

- Conservative clothing
- Extreme sensitivity to anything relating to body parts
  - Legs/arms: limbs
  - Face: visage
- ‘Lust’ as deadly sin
Rules

- Cover piano legs
- A man may take two women on his arms, but a woman may not take two men
- A man must not smoke in the presence of a woman
- One must not remove their gloves when making a formal greeting
- No more than two vegetables per entree should be served
- Potatoes should not be served with fish
Overview

- Very religious
- Very conservative
- Very strict
- Expectations based on social hierarchy
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