

# The story of the Tower



What has the Tower been used for in the past?

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keeping crown  
jewels safe

prison

home for the  
Yeoman Warders

military  
storehouse

fortress

menagerie  
(zoo)

tourist  
attraction

Royal Mint

barracks

royal palace

place of execution

growing  
vegetables

**How many of these uses did you  
already know?**

Why has the Tower had so many uses?



View of the Tower of London from the south

**The Tower of London has had different uses over time because it was built as a secure fortress.**



# Historic Royal Palaces TOWER OF LONDON

William I chooses site  
for a castle in London

Henry III adds outer  
wall and towers

Military storehouses  
are added

1000

1500

2000

Edward I builds  
the Medieval  
Palace

Victoria adds  
Waterloo Barracks

White Tower is  
built

Henry VIII adds  
royal lodgings  
for Anne Boleyn

**Timeline of the  
Tower**

# The Norman Tower

King William I to King Henry II  
1066-1189



William I from the Bayeux Tapestry



The White Tower –  
the oldest building at the Tower of London

# The Norman Tower

**Why was the Tower originally built?**



The Tower in the time of William I

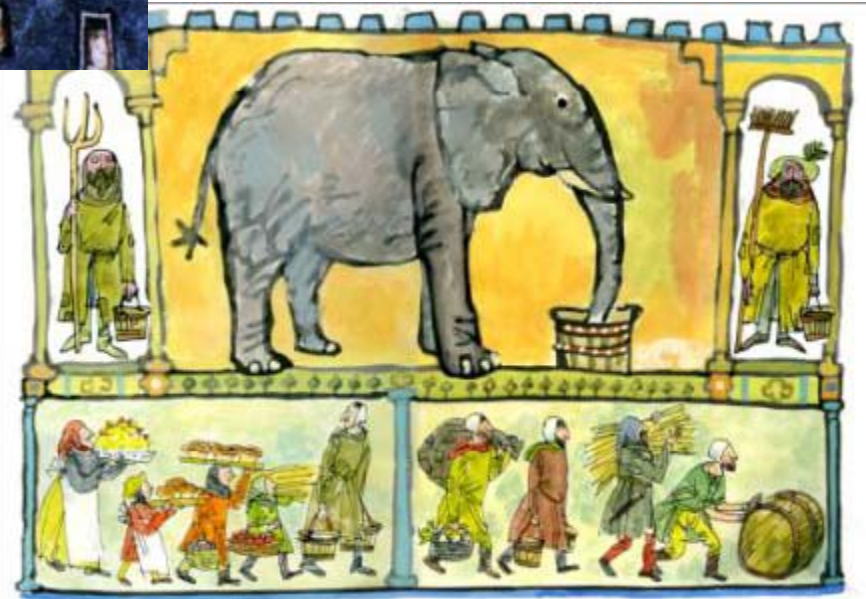
**Work on the White Tower began in the reign of William I in 1070s**  
**It was a symbol of the king's power**  
**It protected entry to London from the river**  
**It was used as a royal palace**

# The Medieval Tower

King John to King Richard II  
1189-1399



King John



The first animals arrived at the Tower in the reign of King John



# The Medieval Tower



The Tower in the time of Henry III

**How did the Tower change in medieval times?**

**What was it used for?**

**The Tower became a mighty fortress**

**Royal lodgings were improved**

**First prisoner was held at the Tower in 1100**

**First branch of the Royal Mint was set up at the Tower**

**Royal valuables and papers were first stored at the Tower**

**First animals were kept at the Tower**

# The Tudor Tower

King Henry VII to Queen Elizabeth I  
1485-1603



Henry VIII and Anne Boleyn



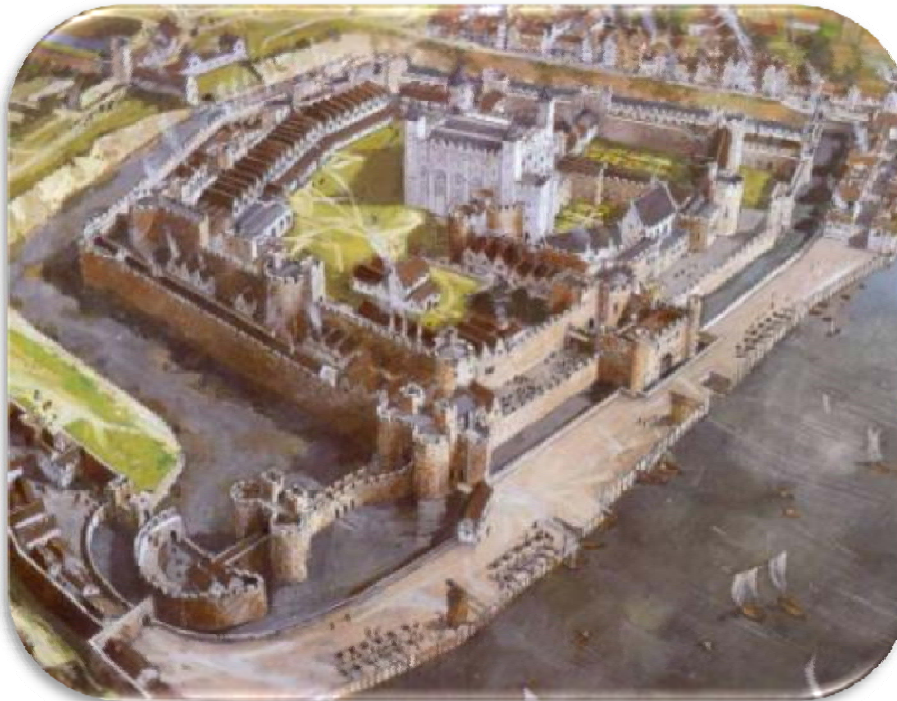
Traitors' Gate

# The Tudor Tower

Henry VIII added the **Queen's House** for Anne Boleyn

**112 prisoners** were kept in the Tower during Henry VIII's reign

The Water gate was renamed **Traitors' Gate** during this period



The Tower in the time of Henry VIII

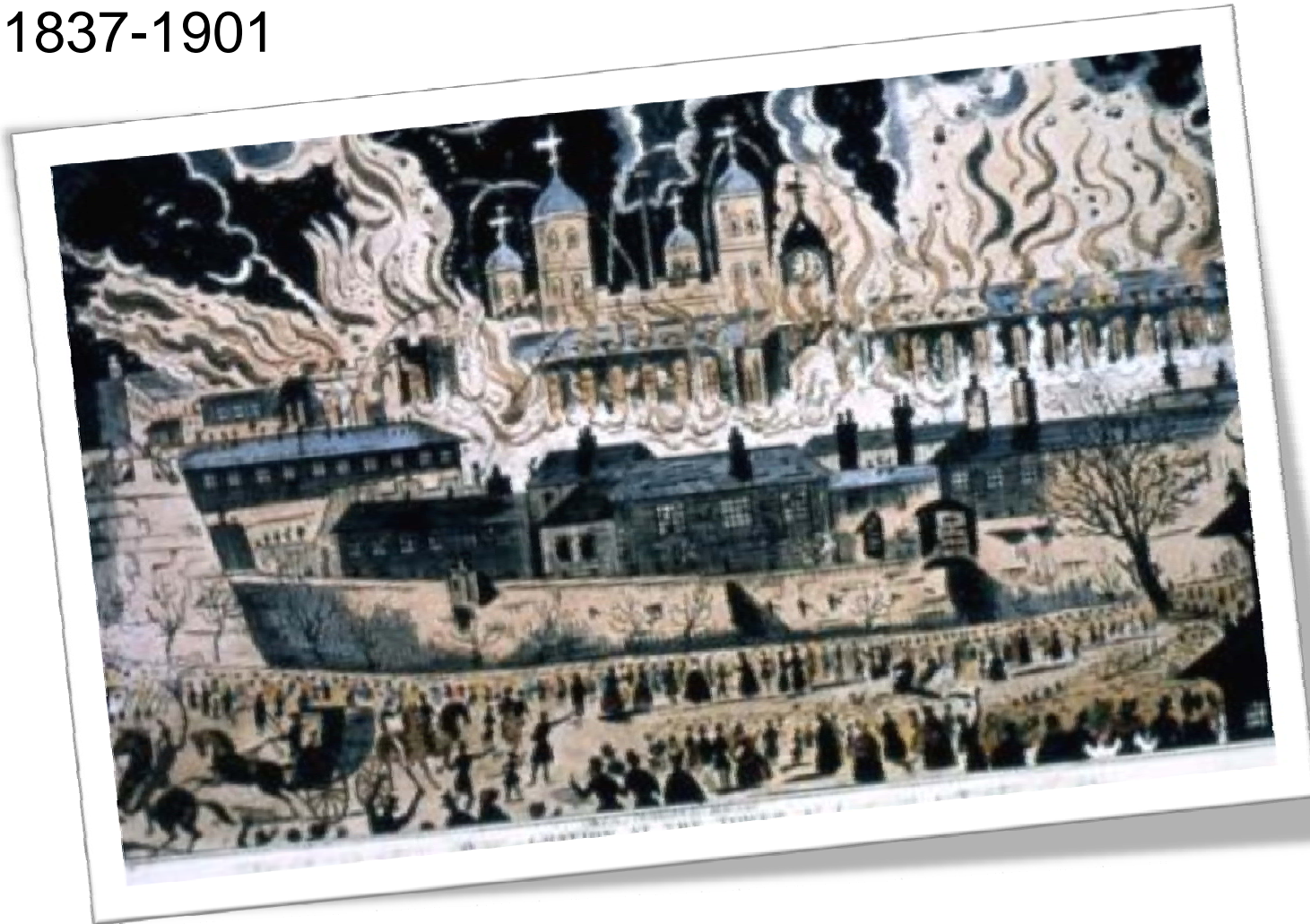
How was the Tower  
used in Tudor times?

Why?



# Victorian times

Queen Victoria  
1837-1901



The Grand storehouses on fire



## Victorian times



The Tower in the reign of Queen Victoria

**Why did the Tower become a tourist attraction?**

**What else was the Tower used for in Victorian Times?**

**Tower of London became a tourist attraction**

**The White Tower was home to important government departments**

**The Waterloo Barracks were built (now the Waterloo Block, home to the Crown Jewels)**

# The Tower today

## 20<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup> Century



The Tower during World War II



Yeoman Warder leading visitors  
around the Tower

# The Tower today

How is the Tower used today?



The Tower today

**The Tower is a very popular tourist attraction – 2.5 million visitors a year!**

**It is home to the Yeoman Warders (Beefeaters)**

**During WWII the moat was turned into allotments and used to grow vegetables in**

# Summary

**What did you already know  
about the Tower?**

**What new information  
have you learnt?**

**What do you want to find out  
more about when you visit?**