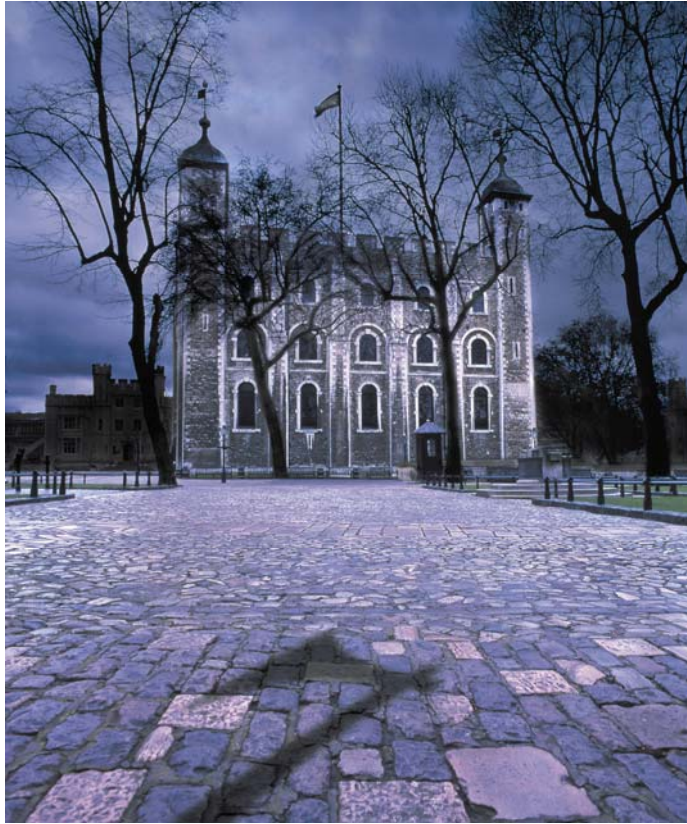




Did you know?



Fact and fiction at the Tower of London

The Tower of London

There are many **stories** about the Tower of London; some of them are true and some of them aren't.

We're going to help you separate the **fact** from the **fiction!**



Yeoman Warders, including Moira Cameron, the Tower's first female Yeoman Warder



Why was the Tower built?

The tower has been a:

fortress

prison

military
storehouse

home to the
Yeoman
Warders

place of
execution

menagerie
(zoo)

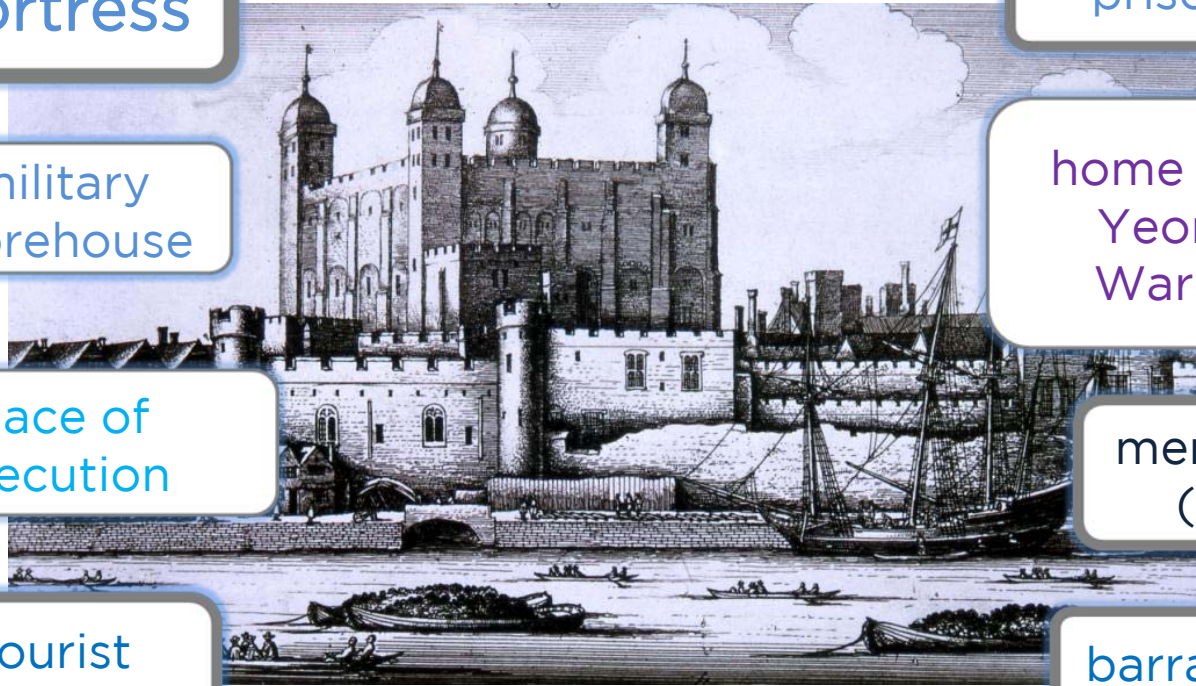
tourist
attraction

barracks

royal palace

place for
keeping crown
jewels safe

Royal Mint



Who are the 'Beefeaters'?

Who is this man?

A Yeoman Warder
or 'Beefeater'

How do you become
a Beefeater?

All Beefeaters must
have served in the
British military
for at least 22 years

Why are Yeoman
Warders called
'Beefeaters'?

Nobody knows for sure, but
the story goes that many years
ago, they may have
received beef as part
payment for their work as
royal bodyguards

What is their
role today?

They live and work at
the Tower where they give
guided tours and perform a
ceremonial and security role





Why are there ravens at the Tower?

When did the ravens arrive at the Tower?

No one knows when the ravens arrived

Why are they at the Tower?

There is a legend that says that if the ravens leave the Tower, then the Tower and the kingdom will fall

Can the ravens fly away?

The ravens' flight feathers are trimmed so they can't fly away.





How do we know that the Tower was used as a prison?

The evidence:



Execution site



Traitor's Gate



Prisoner graffiti

What was it like for prisoners in the Tower?

Where were the prisoners kept?



Sir Walter Raleigh's room at the Tower

There are no cells or dungeons at the Tower!
Important prisoners were kept at the Tower because it was safe and secure.

What were prisoners rooms like?

Prisoners kept at the Tower were usually important people – they were allowed certain luxuries



What do we know about the Tower's dark history?

How many people were tortured at the Tower?

The Tower is infamous as a place of torture and punishment but records show that **only 48** people were tortured there in almost 1000 years.

How many people were executed at the Tower?

Only ten. Most prisoners were executed on Tower Hill or at Tyburn.

Who is buried in the Chapel of St Peter ad Vincula?

Queen Anne Boleyn, Queen Katherine Howard, Lady Jane Grey, Thomas Cromwell, Sir Thomas More, and many other important people.



Crown Jewels: did you know?

Are the Crown Jewels real?

Yes! The jewels you see on display are the real Crown Jewels

What are the Crown Jewels?

How heavy is the Imperial crown?

How many jewels are there in the Imperial crown?



The Crown Jewels are the most valuable crowns, coronation regalia and royal jewels in the world!

The Imperial crown is just over 1kg – the same weight as a bag of sugar

There are 2,868 diamonds, 17 sapphires, 11 emeralds, 269 pearls, 4 rubies in the Imperial crown!

Summary questions

What did you already know about the Tower?

What new information have you learnt?

What are you looking forward to learning more about when you visit?