

The Tower of London

- The history.
- The making of the Tower.
- The Legends.
- The Crown Jewels.

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Building the White Tower



The White Tower was built in 1078 by William of Normandy, who is also known as William the Conqueror.

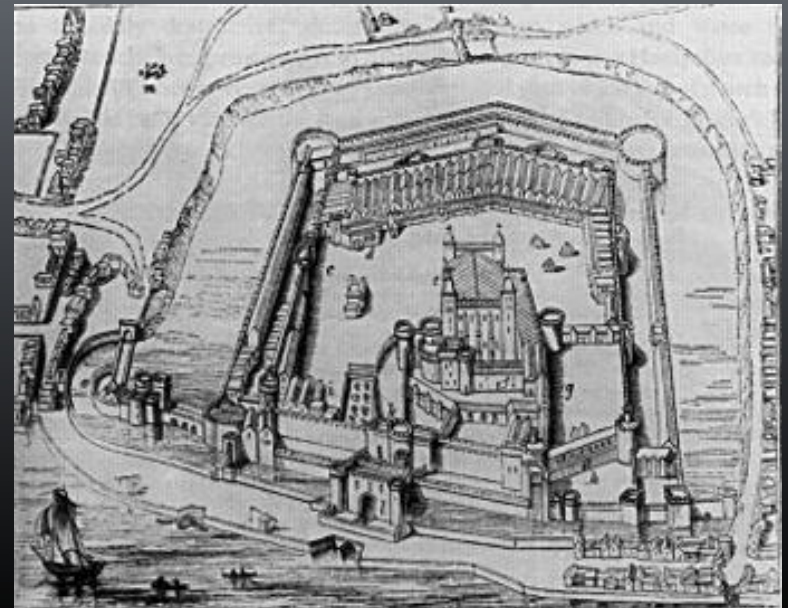
- **The Tower of London is the symbol of his power.**
- **The limestone came from Caen and the rag stone was brought from Kent.**
- **The White Tower's dimensions are 11ft x 107 ft.**
- **It took 20 years to build because**

The area near the Tower of London

As different kings and queens ruled England, they each added a certain building to the Tower. Henry III was the one to make the White Tower cozy.

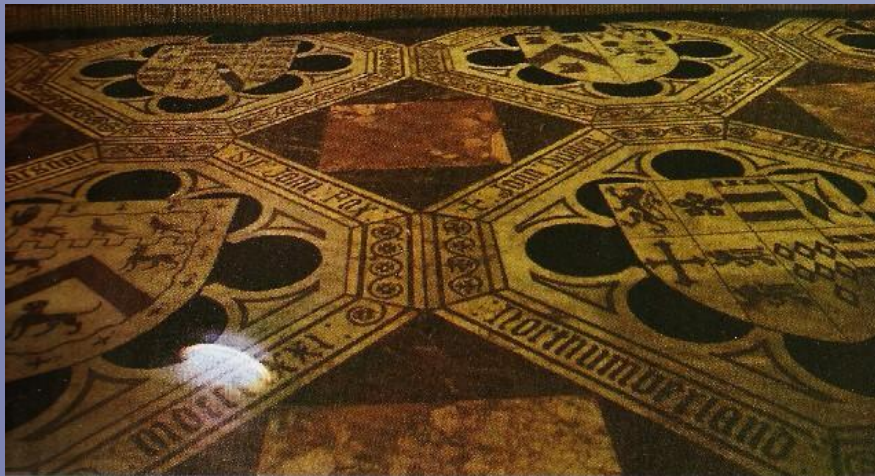
After wards the Lion Tower was added, where lions were kept for entertainment.

These are bird's eye views of the *Tower of London* area.



What does the Tower represent?

- Symbol of power.
- Fortress for defense.
- Prison for enemies.
- Hideout from angry citizens.



Floor of the
Norman
Chapel – the
oldest church
in all of
England

The Yeoman Warders



When King Henry VII was at the throne, he formed a personal bodyguard to protect him. His guards were called the Yeoman Warders who still protect the Tower today.

In this photo the Yeoman Warder is entering the gates to open the Tower for the day.

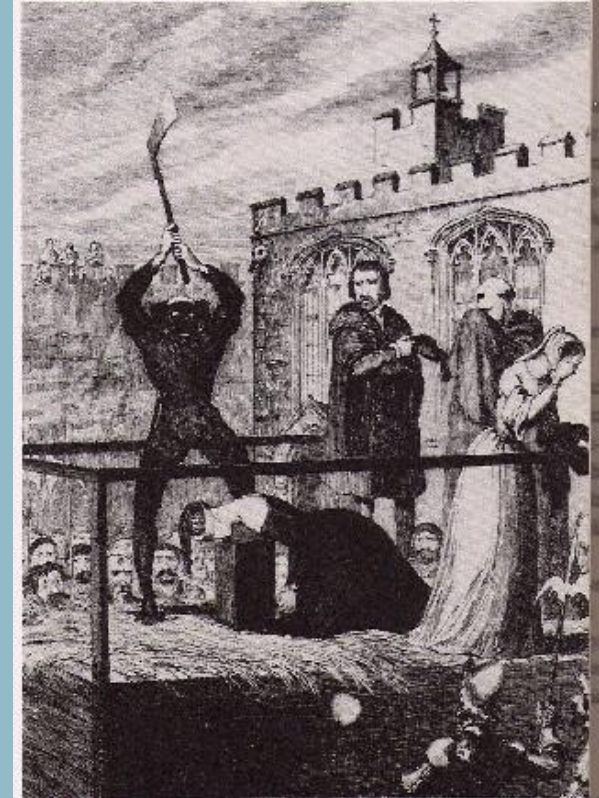
At night the tower is locked up at 10:00pm sharp.

Prisoners at the Tower of London



The people executed or imprisoned at the Tower were:

- Queen Elizabeth I – she is known to be the only one who left the tower unexecuted.
- Anne Boleyn – she was murdered because Henry VIII was unsatisfied with the fact that she couldn't give him a son.
- Sir Thomas More
- Lady Jane Grey



Here is an example of what an execution might have looked like.

The Bloody Tower



This is the Bloody Tower, formerly known as the Garden Tower.



A number of people were imprisoned at the Bloody Tower, one of them happens to be Sir Walter Raleigh who wrote *History of the World* while being imprisoned

Legends: Pt 1

The most famous legend is the one about two boys:
Richard Duke of York and his brother Edward V.



- According to Tudor historians, Richard, Duke of Gloucester invented a story declaring the boys illegitimate and convinced the Parliament that they can't become kings. Then he murdered the boys.
 - They believe this because they think one of Richard's former officials confessed 20 years after the crime was committed. Young skeleton bones were found under some stairs in the tower in the 17th century, so it is assumed that those are the bones of the two boys.
- Those young boys were Richard, Duke of York and his brother Edward V. Edward was placed there to be named king because Richard III's brother passed away.

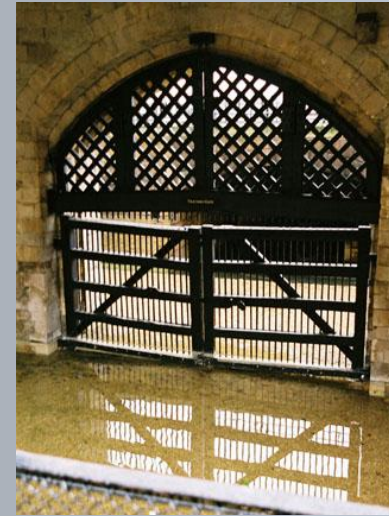


Here is a photo of Richard, Duke of Gloucester, who was later crowned as Richard III.

Legends:Pt 2

The most interesting of all legends involves the 6 ravens living inside the Tower.

There is a belief that if they ever leave the Tower, it will crumble and the British Monarchy will fall apart. This may sound ridiculous, but it could be true because the ravens weren't at the castle during WWI or WWII.



Another interesting legend concerns Queen Elizabeth I: she was disappointed when told that she would be entering through Traitor's Gate because she didn't think of herself as a "traitor".

Nonetheless, she was forced to enter through it because as legend has it, a heavy downpour started.

Photo of Queen
Mother's crown

CROWN JEWELS



Historical facts of the Crown jewels

- Used today in Coronations & other ceremonies.
- Been used by other English kings & queens since 1660 or earlier.
- Held as national heritage by The Queen as Sovereign.

Crown Jewels



Collection includes regalia (items used at a coronation) other crowns & pieces donated by various sovereigns, church and banqueting plate, orders, insignia, robes, a unique collection of medals and royal christening Edward the Confessor (reigned 1042-1066) placed his Royal ornaments in the Westminster Abbey for safe keeping, Cromwell ordered that the regalia "be totally broken" because it was symbolic of the "detestable rule of kings"

Different crowns for different members of the Royal Family



Queen Elizabeth's crown



Crown of Imperial State



Edward's crown

The End!!