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The London Parliament building is known in history as the Palace of Westminster.

This is one of the most famous structures not only in England, but throughout the world.





The building of the English Parliament is the oldest and richest in history in England.

The ancient name of the place where the Palace of Westminster is located is Torni Island.

The first royal palace on this place was built by Knud the Great, king of Denmark, England and Norway during his reign from 1016 to 1035.

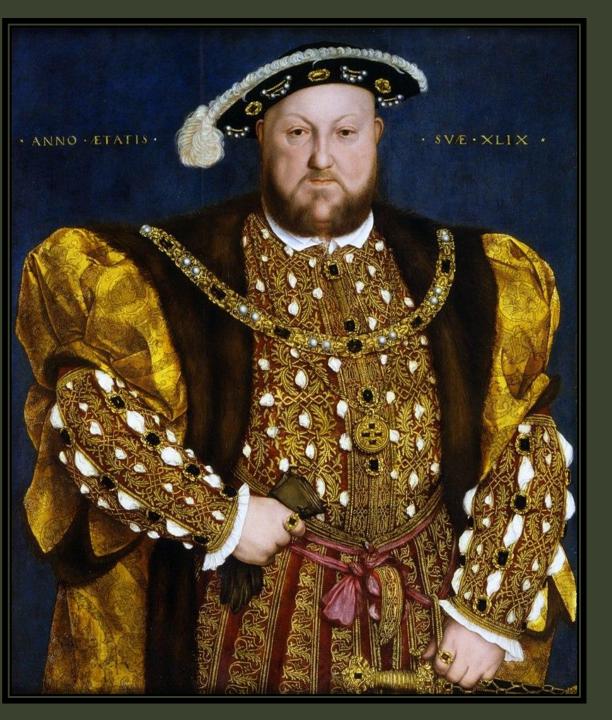
Westminster, from West Minster - Western Church

Knud the Great

The Palace of Westminster was the main royal residence during the late Middle Ages.



Medieval Palace of Westminster



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In 1534, Henry VIII
purchased the palace
from Cardinal Thomas
Wolsey, called it
Whitehall, and made it
his main residence.

Since that time, the Palace of Westminster became the building of parliament.



Генрих VIII



The palace has 1,100 rooms, 100 stairs and 5 kilometers of corridors.

Of the palace towers, the most famous is the clock tower of Elizabeth (Big Ben) - the symbol of Great Britain.



Tower of Elizabeth (Big Ben)

The Palace of Westminster was rebuilt several times; it suffered from fires and bombing.



After a fire in 1834, a new palace building was erected in the neo-Gothic style by architects Barry and Puguin.







The architecture of the Palace of Westminster has three famous towers.

The Elizabeth Tower or the Clock Tower was built according to the design of the English architect Augustus Pugin in neo-Gothic style in 1859. 98 meters high tower



The tower clock was launched on May 31, 1859.





Victoria Tower - the famous Queen of Great Britain 104 meters high.

Like the whole palace, the tower was erected in the neo-gothic style according to the design of architect Charles Barry.

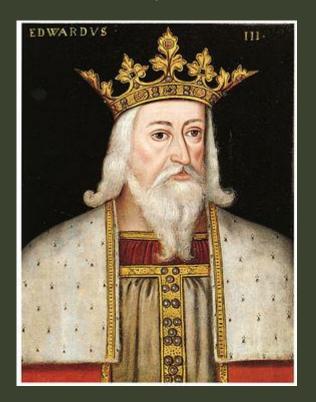


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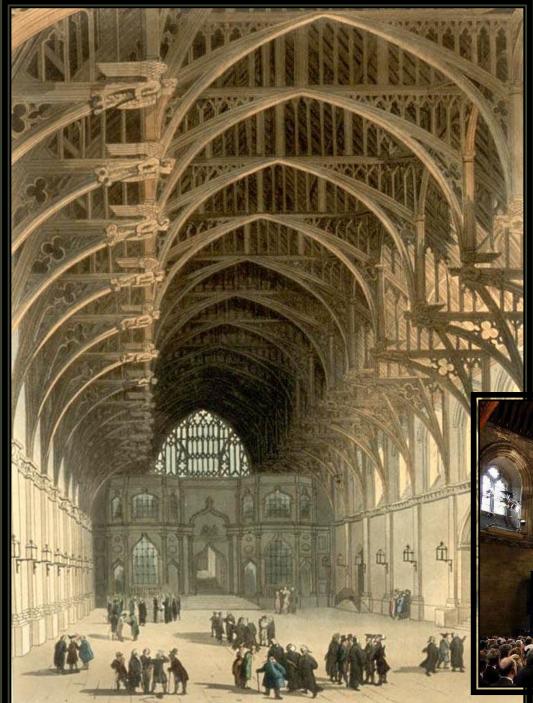


Tower of jewels. This tower is almost 700 years old.

The jewel tower is a three-story building next to the Palace of Westminster. It was built in 1365-66 to store personal jewels of Edward III.



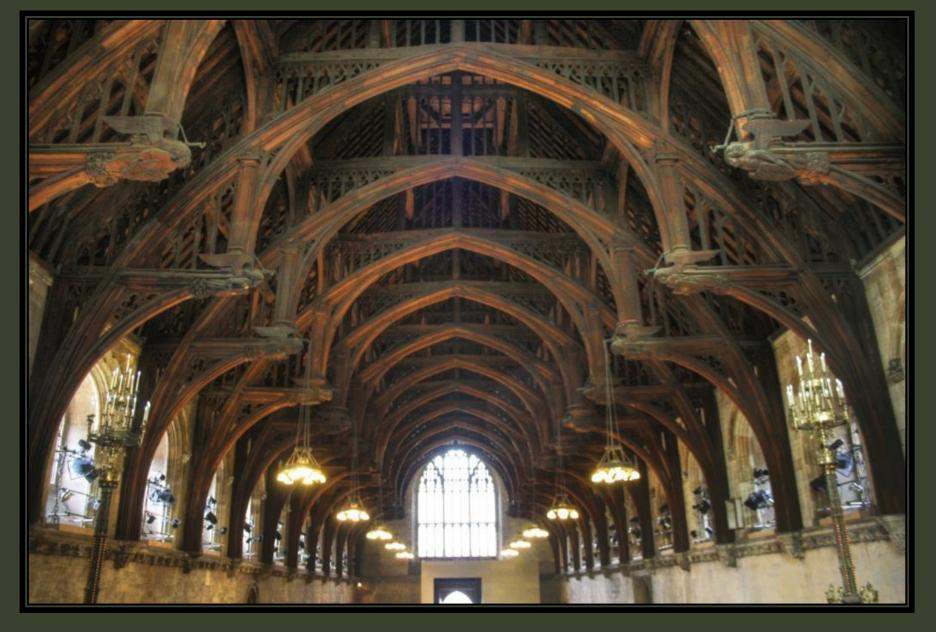
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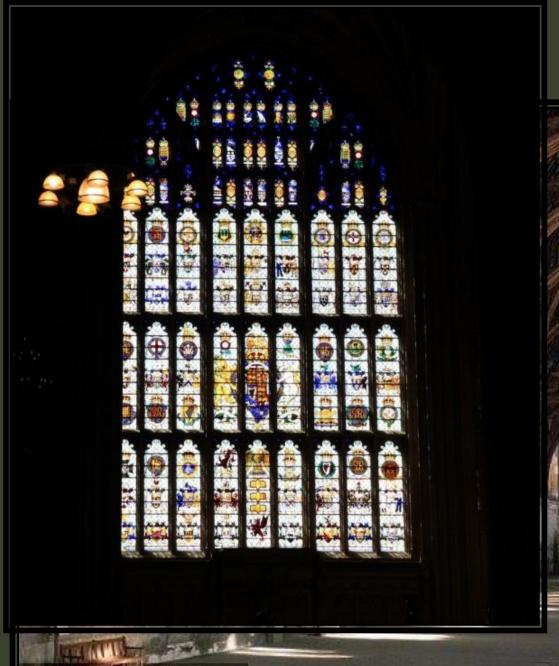
Westminster Hall is the oldest surviving part of the palace; its construction began in 1097 and was completed in 1099

In the XII - XIX centuries, there were banquets on the occasion of the coronation

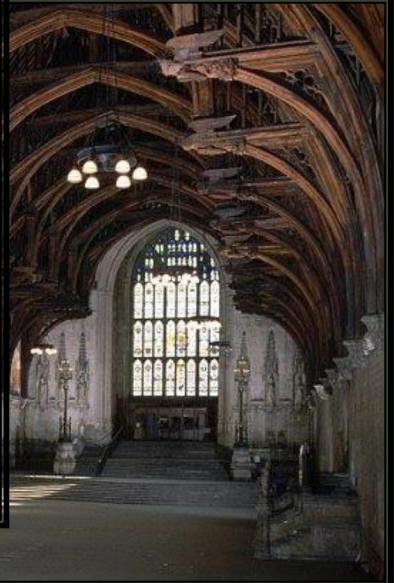




The architecture of the Westminster Hall is a unique feature of its roof. Similar types of arches are characteristic of English medieval architecture.



Sight of Westminster Hall is stained glass



In the 18th and 19th centuries, the palace was renovated several times, in 1799–1801 under the direction of architect James Wyatt, in 1824–27, by Sir John Soane.

The old premises of the House of Lords were destroyed. It was mined during the Powder Conspiracy in 1605.



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During World War II, the Palace of Westminster was often bombed (in 1940 and 1941).

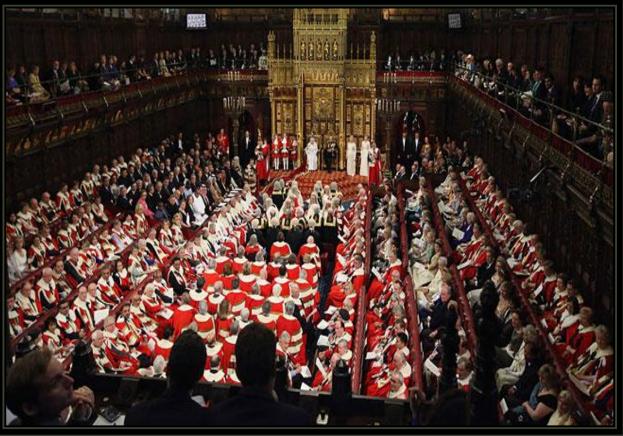
The courtroom of the House of Commons suffered the most, which was completely burned by a fire bomb.



Boardroom of the House of Commons and the House of Lords in gothic style

After the war, the reconstruction of the Chamber began under the direction of architect Sir Giles Gilbert Scott. It was completed in 1950.





Giles Gilbert Scott

Boardroom of the House of Commons and the House of Lords

Thus, the Palace of Westminster is one of the most famous and visited sights of London. This architectural ensemble is one of the most famous in the world.



Thanks for attention!

