

The story of the Tower



What has the Tower been used for in the past?

What has the Tower been used for?



What has the Tower been used for?

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

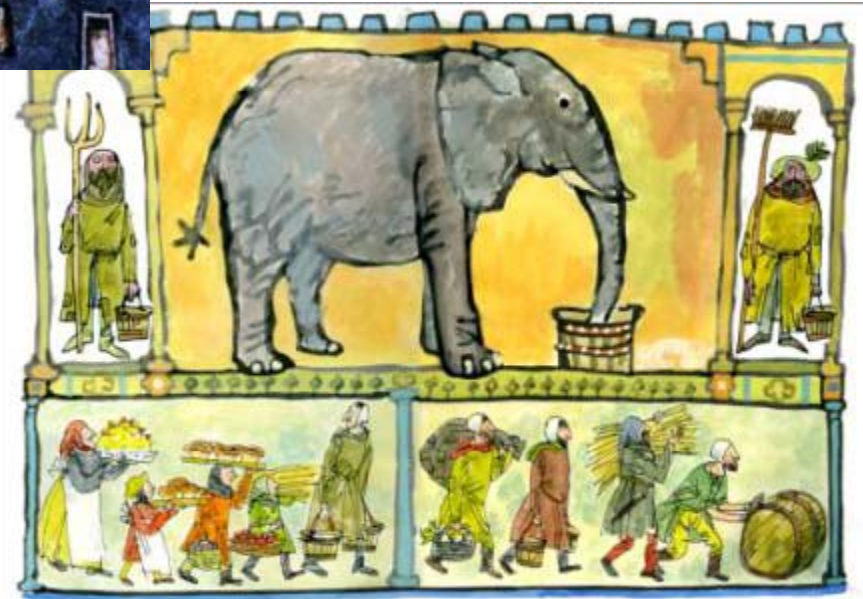
Work on the White Tower began in the reign of William I in 1070s
It was a symbol of the king's power
It protected entry to London from the river
It was used as a royal palace

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



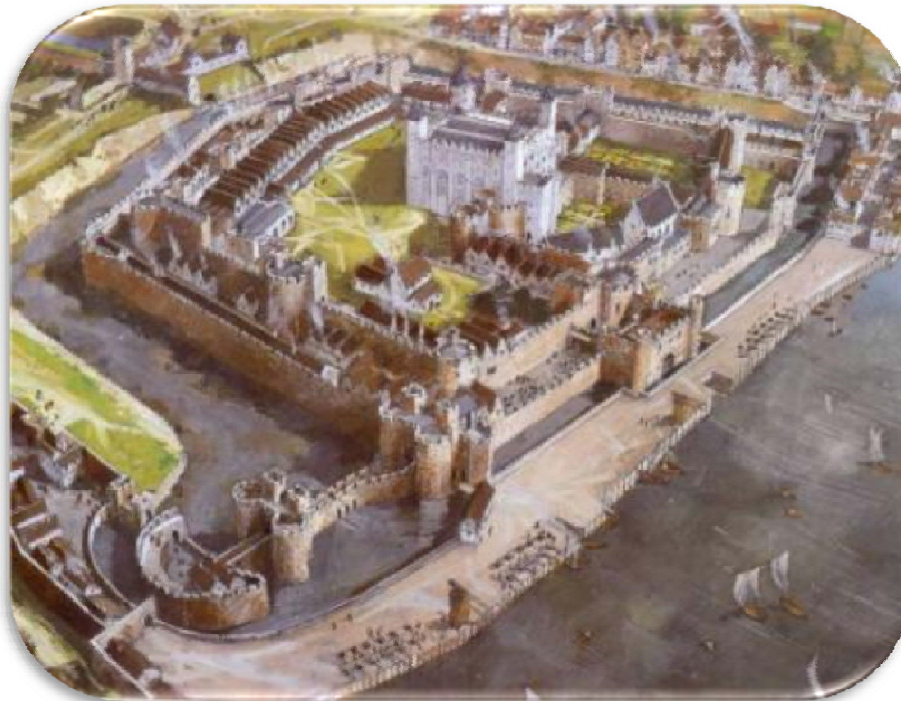
Henry VIII and Anne Boleyn



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



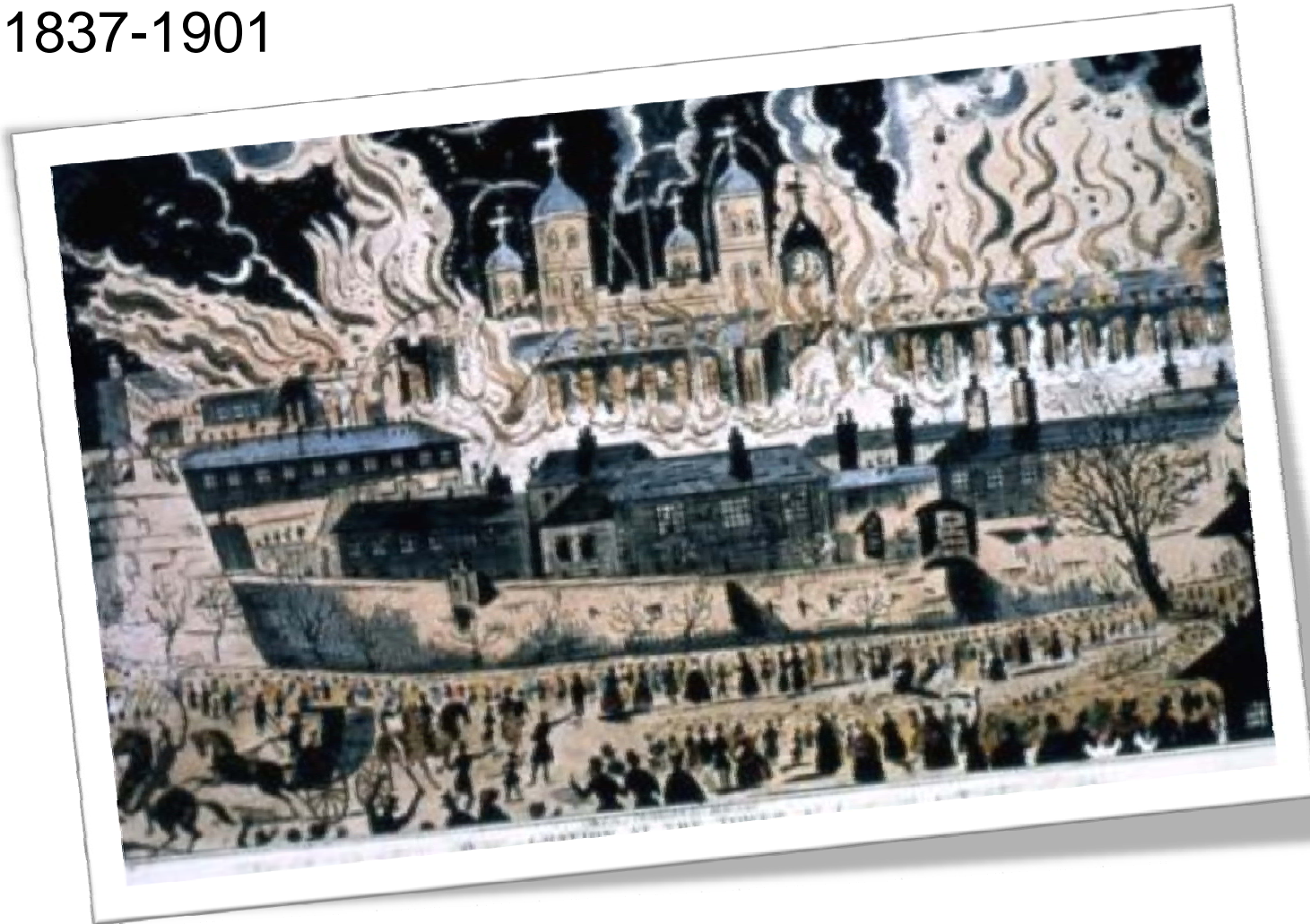
The Tower in the time of Henry VIII

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

20th and 21st 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?**