



HISTORIC ROYAL PALACES

TOWER OF LONDON

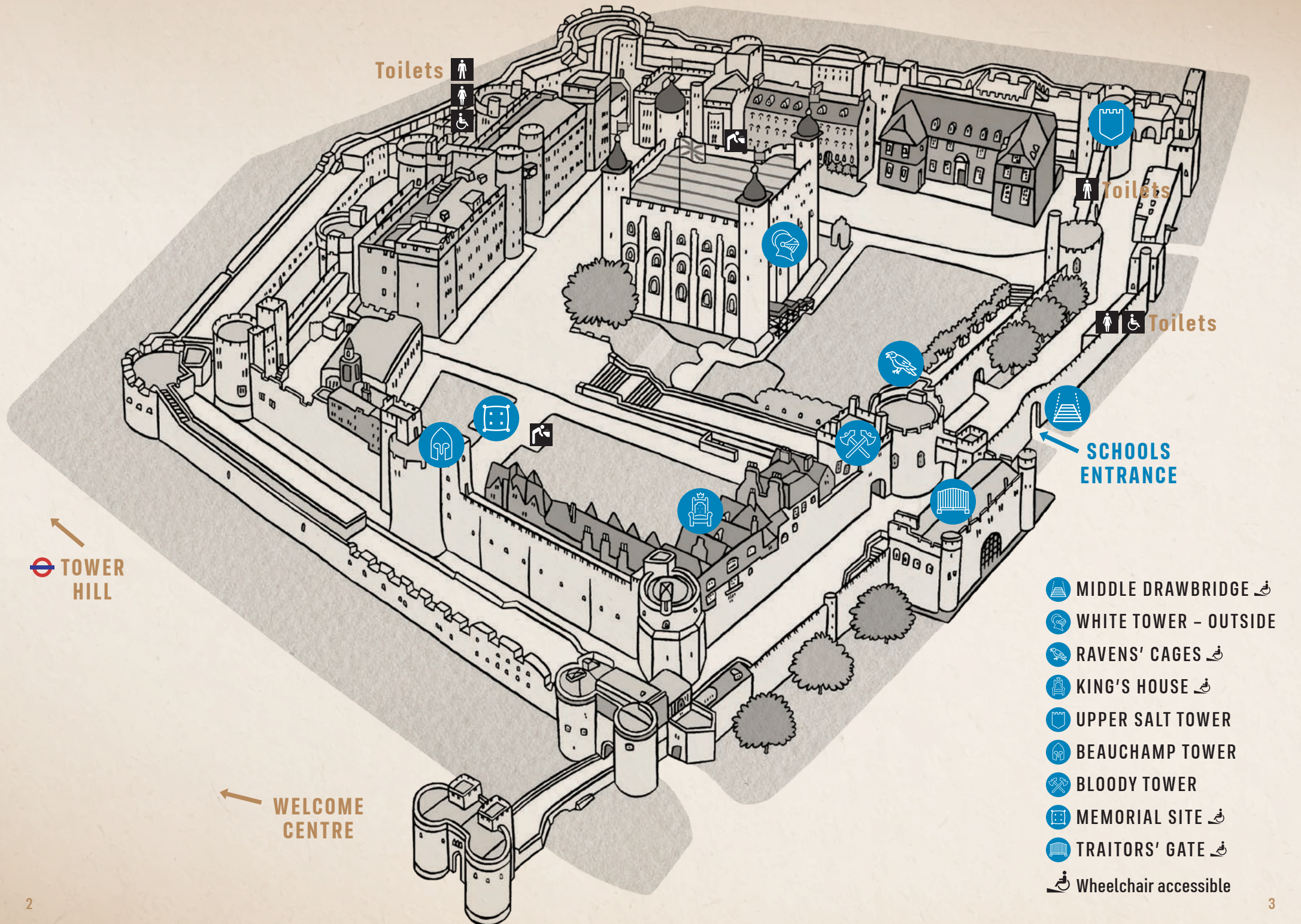
PRISON TRAIL

KEY STAGE 2
SELF-DIRECTED VISITS



SPACE TO STIR AND BE STIRRED

TOWER OF LONDON • HAMPTON COURT PALACE • BANQUETING HOUSE
KENSINGTON PALACE • KEW PALACE • HILLSBOROUGH CASTLE AND GARDENS



Toilets

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SCHOOLS ENTRANCE

TOWER HILL

WELCOME CENTRE

-  MIDDLE DRAWBRIDGE 
-  WHITE TOWER - OUTSIDE
-  RAVENS' CAGES 
-  KING'S HOUSE 
-  UPPER SALT TOWER
-  BEAUCHAMP TOWER
-  BLOODY TOWER
-  MEMORIAL SITE 
-  TRAITORS' GATE 
-  Wheelchair accessible

WHITE TOWER – OUTSIDE

LOOK UP AT THE WHITE TOWER FROM THE ARCHES NEAR THE RAVENS' CAGES



Can you spot the small windows on the top floor? These windows are the only original ones left. They would have been familiar to the first prisoner who escaped from the Tower over 900 years ago!



Ranulf Flambard was the Tower's first prisoner and he was held in the White Tower in 1100.

He was also the first escapee! He smuggled a rope into his room in a barrel of wine and climbed out of a window before fleeing on a horse.



RANULF
FLAMBARD



Imagine you are about to climb down a rope from the top of the White Tower. Tell a partner how you feel.



UPPER SALT TOWER

HEAD TOWARDS THE NEW ARMOURIES CAFÉ. FIND THE COURTYARD NEXT TO THE ELEPHANT SCULPTURE AND CLIMB THE STAIRS



Look for religious prisoner carvings in the Upper Salt Tower. This includes crosses, hands, feet and the symbol IHS, which stands for the Society of Jesus.



This building was used for holding prisoners when Elizabeth I was on the throne. Most of the people imprisoned at that time were here because they had different religious beliefs to the Queen.



Do you have a religion or strong beliefs? Imagine being put in prison just because the king or queen has different views to you.

MEMORIAL SITE



Look for a glass cushion near the chapel of St Peter Ad Vincula



How many names can you find? Does this number surprise you? Tell a partner what you think of the memorial.

This is a memorial to the people who were imprisoned and later executed inside the Tower walls.

Most executions took place near Tower Hill and were public events. Only the most important prisoners were executed here – their names are carved on the memorial.



Two of Henry VIII's wives were executed on this spot. Can you find their names on the memorial?



KING'S HOUSE



From the memorial site, find a Tudor, timber-framed building which is guarded by a soldier.

This is the King's House, which changes its name depending on whether there is a king or queen on the throne.

Famous prisoners held in this building include Lady Jane Grey and Guy Fawkes, who was questioned here about his role in the Gunpowder Plot.



Look up at the first floor window on the right. The room inside is the Council Chamber, where Guy Fawkes was interviewed.



One of the Tower's best escape stories happened from inside this building. In 1716, Lord Nithsdale dressed up as one of his female visitors and covered his face as if he was crying. He then simply walked out of the Tower!



Imagine you are a prisoner in the Tower. What would your escape plan be?



BEAUCHAMP TOWER – UPSTAIRS



Can you find a carving that looks like a bell?
Clue: it's by a window.

Thomas Abel was a prisoner in 1533. His crime was to say that Henry VIII's divorce to Katherine of Aragon was against the law. He carved this symbol to represent his surname.

BEAUCHAMP TOWER – DOWNSTAIRS



Look at the exhibition of Tower prisoners. Some stories may surprise you!

Although the Tower wasn't built as a prison, it was used as one for hundreds of years.



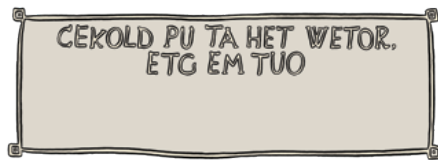
Unscramble this message from a Tower prisoner:



If you were to design a picture to represent your name, what would it look like? Doodle it here:



Imagine you are a prisoner in this room and you are looking at the graffiti carved by prisoners who were there before you. How does it make you feel?



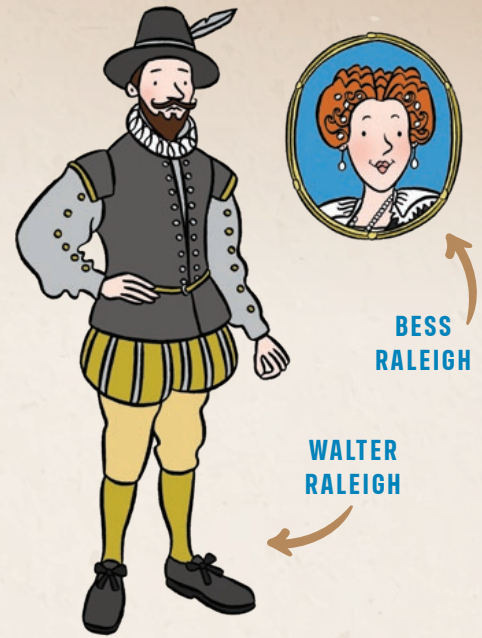
BLOODY TOWER

HEAD TO THE LEFT OF THE KING'S HOUSE AND ENTER THE BLOODY TOWER



Can you find out which famous explorer was once a prisoner in this building?

Walter Raleigh was bought to the Tower as a prisoner three times. Like other high-status prisoners, he lived here quite comfortably, although he was not allowed to leave the Tower. His family could stay with him, he had a library of books and he grew exotic plants and herbs in the garden!



BESS RALEIGH

WALTER RALEIGH



Walter Raleigh used to create cordials and medicines using herbs from the Tower garden. Have a look at them and imagine what you could make.



TRAITORS' GATE



FIND TRAITORS' GATE ON WATER LANE

Traitors' Gate was originally called the Water Gate, as it was the main entrance to the Tower from the River.



Do you know what a traitor is? Discuss your ideas with a partner.



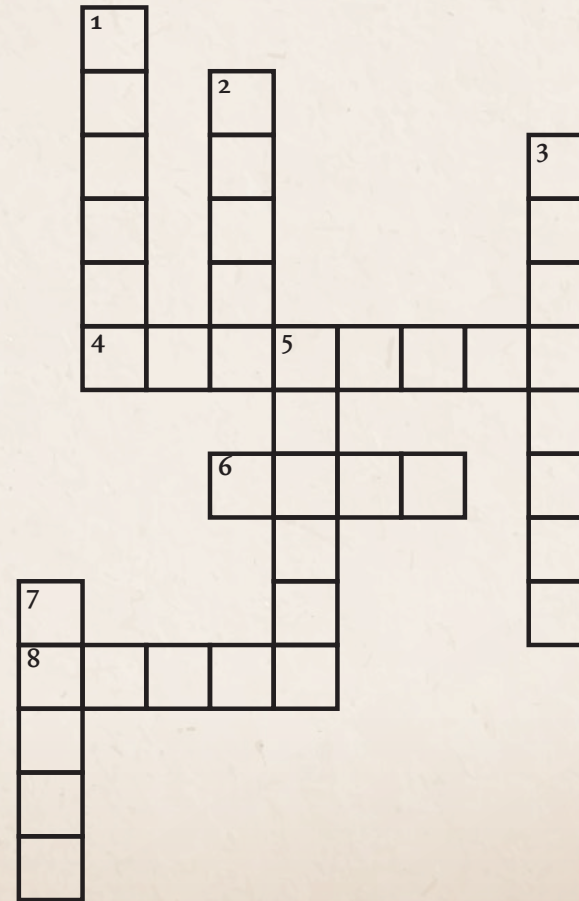
Draw an example of the evidence you found that shows us the Tower was a prison.

WELL DONE FOR FINDING OUT ABOUT THE TOWER'S ROLE AS A PRISON!

If you have more time, you can learn about its other two important roles as a **FORTRESS** and **PALACE**.

JOURNEY HOME ACTIVITY

Tower of London crossword:



Down

- 1: A special home where the royal family lives (6)
- 2: The large building in the middle of the Tower of London is called the _____ Tower (5)
- 3: A strong building that is well-protected from attack (8)
- 5: A place where people are sometimes held after they have committed a crime (6)
- 7: Today you might have seen the _____ Jewels (5)

Across

- 4: A very big, grey animal that was kept in the Tower's menagerie (8)
- 6: A man who is head of the Royal family (4)
- 8: It is said that if these particular birds leave the Tower, the monarchy will end (5)

Answers:
Down 1: palace, 2: white, 3: fortress, 5: prison, 7: crown, Across 4: elephant, 6: king, 8: raven

