

# THE TOWER OF LONDON

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# WHAT IS IT?



- The Tower of London is a 900-year-old castle and fortress in central London that is notable for housing the crown jewels and for holding many famous and infamous prisoners.



# WHERE IS IT?

It is by the  
river  
Thames  
near the

# USES AND FUNCTIONS



Throughout its history, the tower has served many purposes:

- From 1100 it was a prison.
- Until the early 19th century it housed the royal mint.
- Until 1835 there was the royal zoo.
- Until the 17th century, it was also used as a royal residence.

# HISTORY



- Founded nearly a millennium ago, The Tower of London has been expanded upon over the centuries by many a king and queen. The first foundations were laid in 1078 by William the Conqueror.
- The Tower of London is the oldest palace, fortress and prison in Europe.
- The first part of the Tower of London to be built was the White Tower.

# FAMOUS PRISONERS

Anne Bolyin was beheaded in 1536 for treason against her husband Henry VIII; her ghost supposedly haunts the tower, and has been said to walk around the White Tower carrying her head under her arm.



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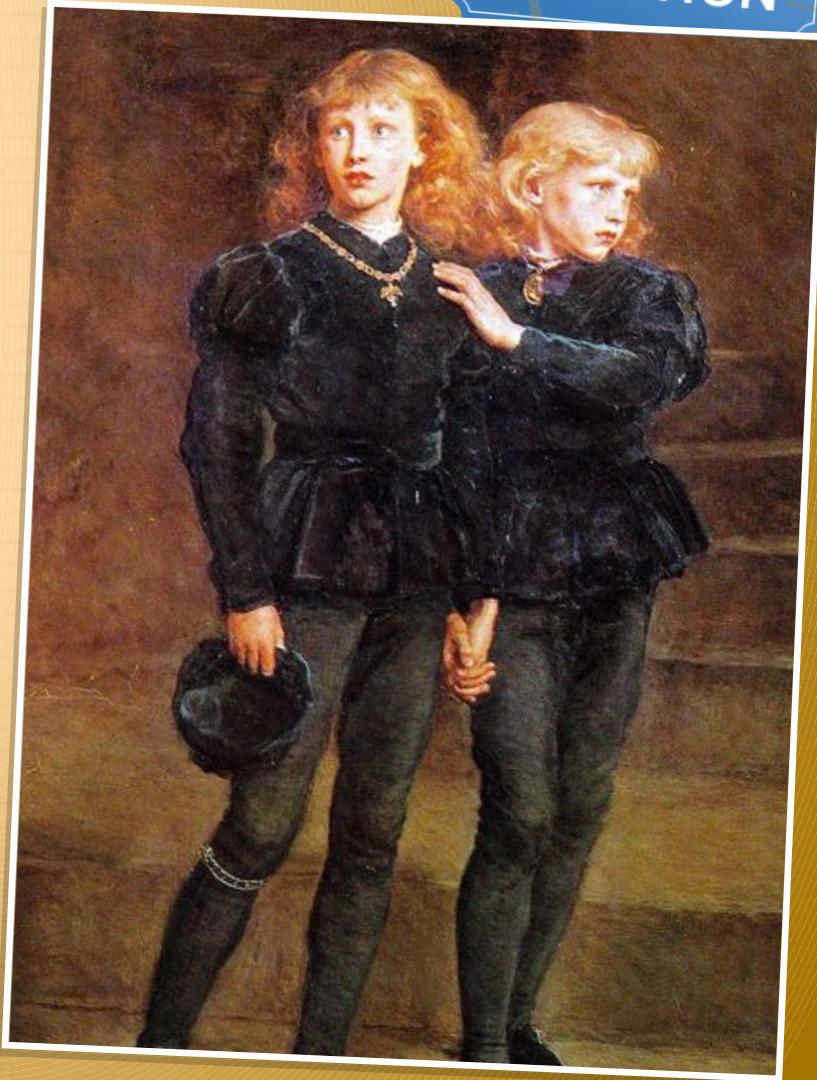
Lady Jane Grey, a 16 year old girl, who was queen for about a week in the 16th century before she was deposed by Mary I



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The two princes, Edward and Richard, ages 12 and 9, who were the sons of Edward IV (died 1483). They have never left the tower alive and some thought they were killed by Richard III, their uncle who took the throne for himself.

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# LEGENDS

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Some ravens resides at the tower, cared for by the Yeoman Warder Ravenmaster.

Legend says that the tower — and the monarchy — will fall if the six ravens ever leave the fortress.