KS1 RIVER DETECTIVES

Years 1–2 | Ages 5–7 | Look, listen and discover London's past

Name: ..... **Class:** .....

1. A TOWER WITH MANY JOBS

The Tower of London was built nearly 1,000 years ago. The tour tells us it has been a fortress, a royal home, a prison and even a home for wild animals.

Circle or write TWO jobs the Tower has had.

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Which one surprised you most?

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2. THE GREAT FIRE

In 1666, a huge fire damaged much of London. The tour explains that St Paul's Cathedral was destroyed and later rebuilt. The Tower of London survived.

Which happened first: the Great Fire or the building of the St Paul's Cathedral we see today?

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Look at St Paul's from the boat.

Draw or describe one feature you can see.

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3. SPOT THE BRIDGES

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Tower Bridge opened in 1894. Look carefully as you travel: London has bridges that look very different from one another.

Draw Tower Bridge or write three words to describe it.

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How might people have crossed the river before there were so many bridges?

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4. ANIMALS AT THE TOWER

The tour tells stories of lions, an elephant and even a polar bear that once lived at the Tower. Today, ravens still live there.

Name one animal that used to live at the Tower and one that lives there now.

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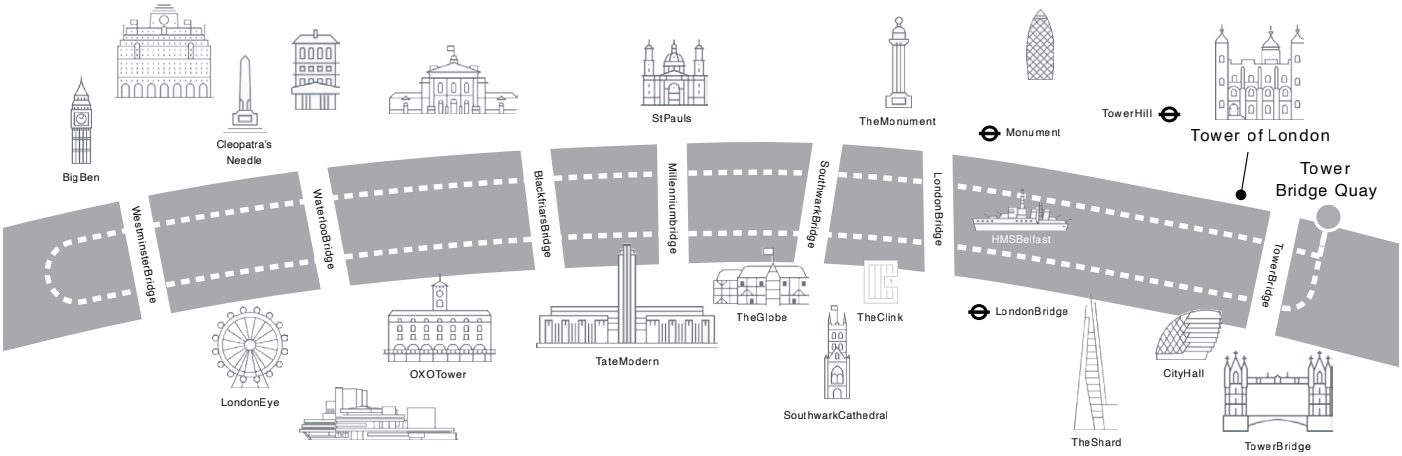
SPOT THE FAMOUS SITES



AFTER YOUR VISIT

Tell someone your favourite story from the river.

Was it a story about a building, an animal or a person?

How do we know about things that happened long ago?

Teacher note: Supports KS1 history: events beyond living memory (Great Fire), significant people/places, chronological language, asking questions; geography observation and spoken English. Provide adult support with reading.

Stories and locations adapted from the Tower of London River Tour live script. Historical claims and legends should be explored critically; this sheet is not a transcript.