

# History of Big Ben

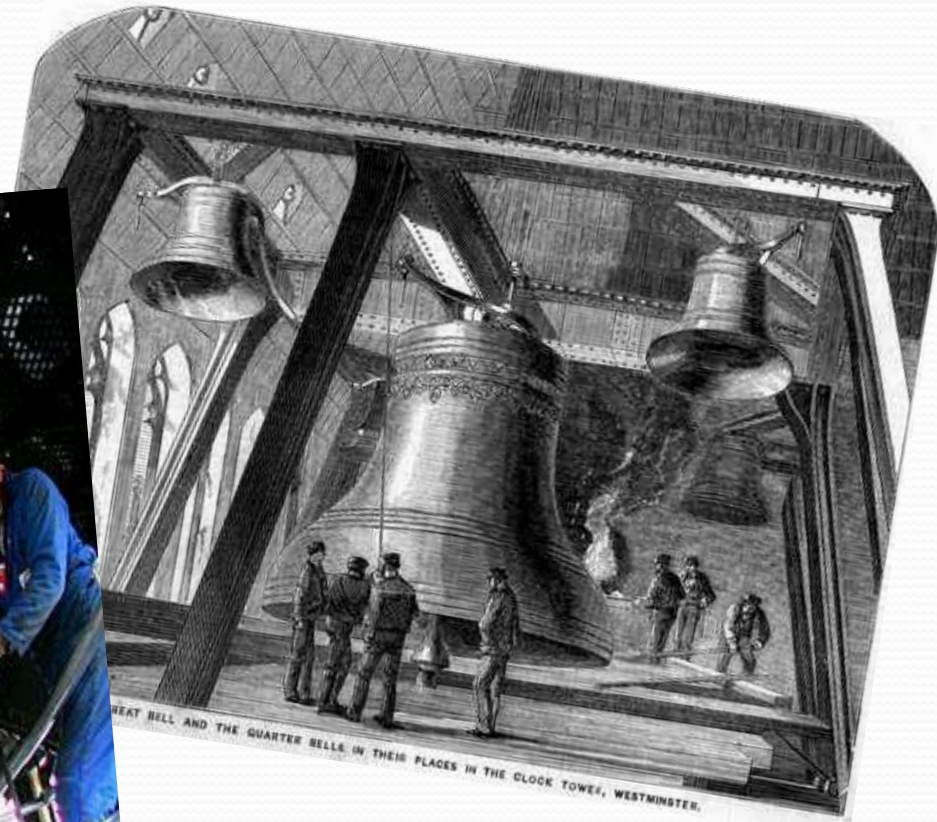


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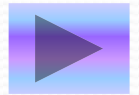
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**Big Ben is the nickname for the great bell of the clock. It is in Elizabeth Tower.**



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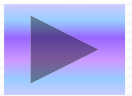




Amongst the trivia about this British landmark, its building and creation is a story worth telling. Let's trace back to the mid 1800's, to the year of 1834, to learn about the building of Big Ben.



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**Big Ben, situated in the Palace of Westminster, is one of the best known icons of London**

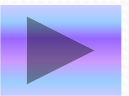




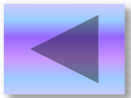
The Palace of Westminster had 2 clock towers during the time of King Edward I. They were rebuilt in 1397 and later a sundial was built in 1707.



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On the 16th of October 1834, the Palace of Westminster, British Houses of Parliament were destroyed by fire. There was nothing left but ruins.



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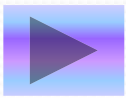




**Only Westminster Hall remained.**

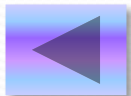


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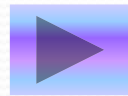


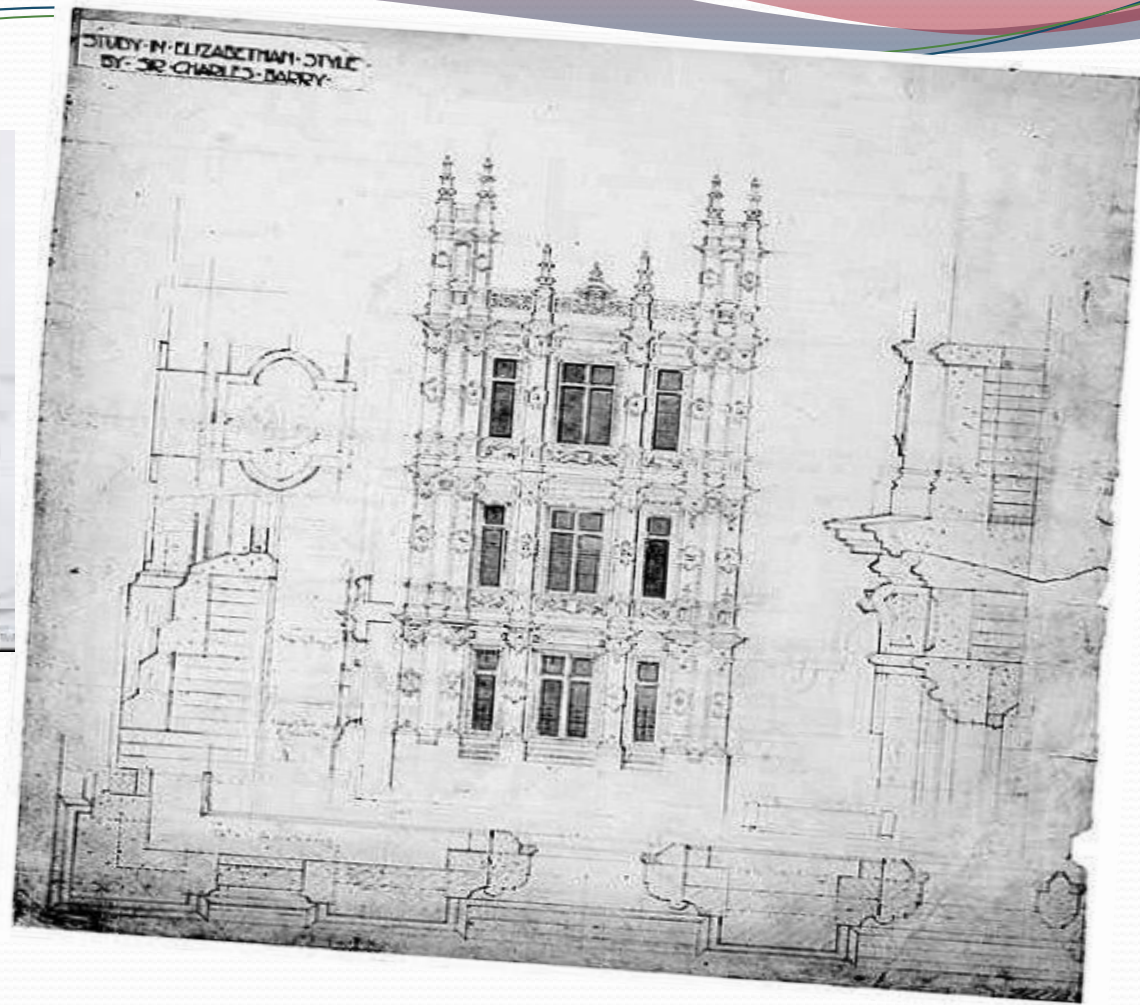


**The English Parliament  
decided to rebuild the Palace  
and using various designs. The  
architect chosen was Charles  
Barry**

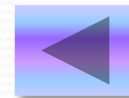


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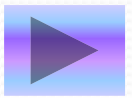




**Charles Barry's winning design did not feature a clock tower.**



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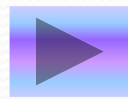




But the Parliament made him change his design to include a clock tower in 1836. His assistant Augustus Pugin was in charge of the clock tower's construction. It started in full scale in the year of 1843. Unlike normal constructions, the tower's interior was constructed first, then the exterior was formed.



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A clock tower needs a clock. Recognizing that this part of the construction was above their expertise, they hired Benjamin Lewis Vulliamy to create and fix the clock in the tower.

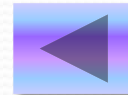


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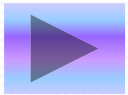




**It was completed to work from May 31st, 1859. The clock weighs around 13,760 kilograms.**

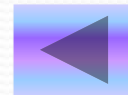


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**Big Ben is a good place to visit.**



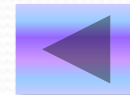
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