



Do you believe in
ghosts?

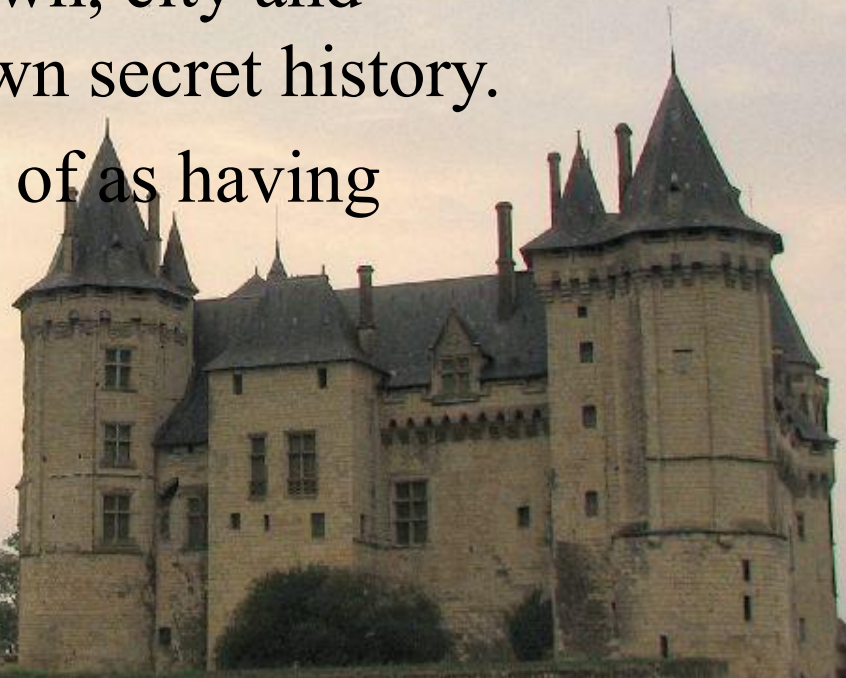
Is Great Britain a country of ghosts?



Since ancient times, Great Britain have been amongst the most significant countries in the world for Magic, Myths, Ghosts and Legends. Almost every town, city and village in Britain has its own secret history.

The place most people think of as having ghosts are haunted castles.

It seems unusual to find a castle without ghosts!



Haunted Castles



Dunrobin castle
(Scotland)



Dover Castle (England)



Windsor
Castle(England)



Arundel Castle(England)



Roch Castle(Wales)

Muncaster Castle (England)

Muncaster Castle is a privately owned castle overlooking the Esk river. Castle is also one of the most haunted houses in Britain.

Paranormal investigators and scientists have been investigating the ghostly goings-on at Muncaster since 1992. One of the most famous haunted rooms at Muncaster Castle is the Tapestry room. Guests staying the night in the room have also heard a woman singing, ghostly footsteps, doors swinging open and the feeling of hands touching them at night or even throwing them from the bed.

Muncaster's most famous ghost is Tom Fool (Tomas Skelton) Tom was a dark character responsible for a number of deaths during his time at Muncaster.



Tower of London (England)

The **Tower of London**, is a historic castle on the north bank of the River Thames in central London, England. The Tower of London is the oldest fortress, palace and prison of its type. Hundreds of ghost sightings have been reported in and around the Tower over the years.

One of the most famous ghosts is Queen Anne Boleyn, one of the wives of Henry VIII, who was beheaded in the Tower in 1536. Queen Anne is buried under the chapel's altar and has been said to be walking around the White Tower carrying her head under her arm. ¹

It is the perfect place for a haunted history.

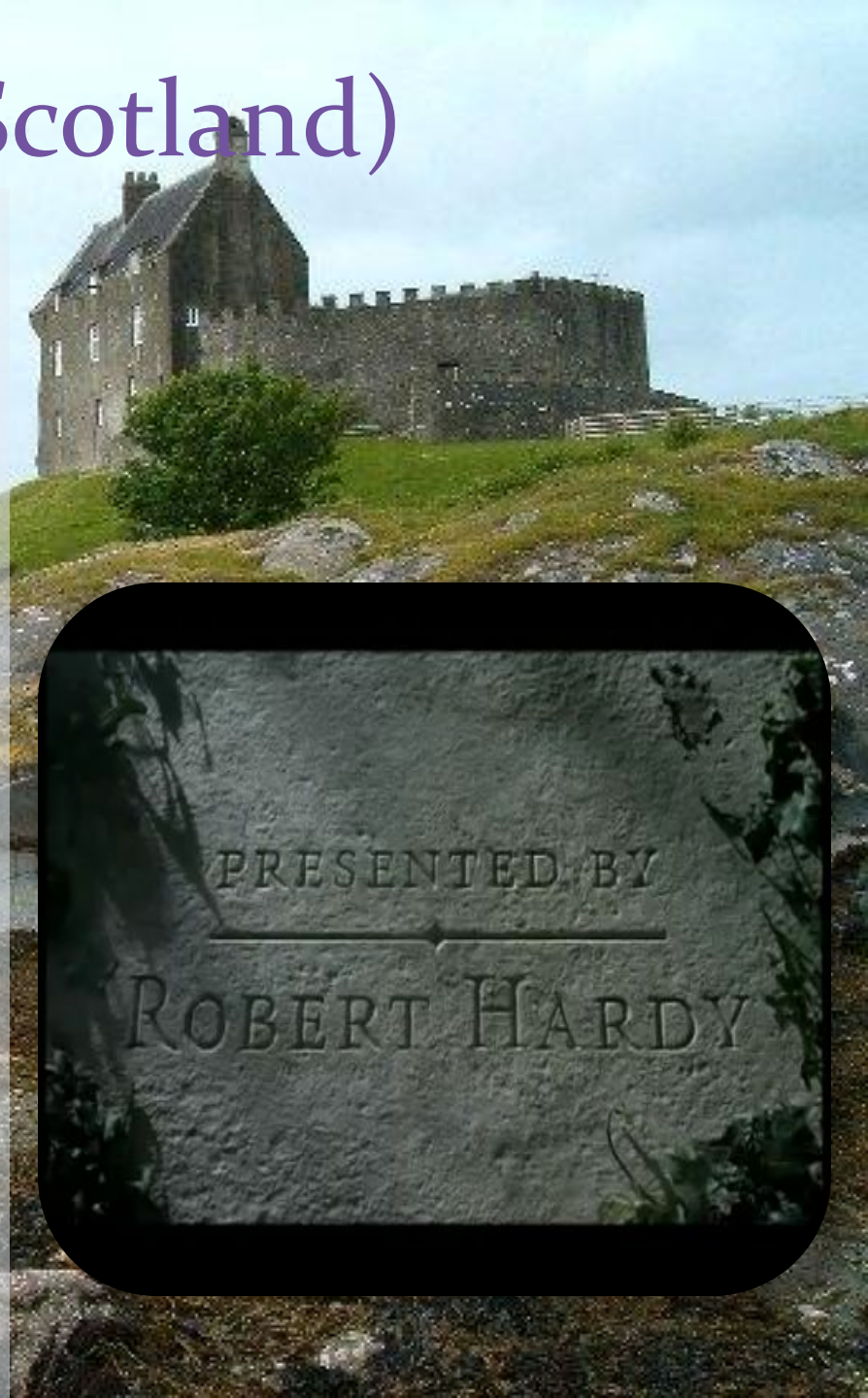


Duntrune Castle (Scotland)

Duntrune Castle is located in the north of Scotland. It was originally built by the MacDougall clan in the 12th century. The castle is now owned by Robin Neill Malcolm.

The ghost of a handless piper is said to haunt the castle. According to one story, the Macdonald piper was sent into the castle as a spy, but was found out. He was imprisoned, but played his pipes to warn the Macdonalds that their 'surprise' attack was now expected. To punish the piper, his hands were cut off so that he may never play again.

Many visitors have said that they have heard ghostly pipes playing in the tower room.



Carew Castle (Wales)

Carew Castle is a castle in the Wales. The famous Carew family take their name from the place, and still own the castle. The ghosts are said to haunt the castle.

The beautiful Princess Nest is one of them. She lived in the castle with here husband Alexander de Carew when Owain Glindor captured her. The princess was said to have had 21 children with 6 different men until she was finally returned to her husband. Sadly however he died in battle shortly afterwards and to this day Nests ghost is said to haunt the ruins waiting to Gerald to return.



Match the castle and the ghost:

1 The Tower of London
Room

Tom Fool and Tapestry

2 Carew Castle

A handless piper

3 Duntrune Castle

The Princess Nest

4 Muncaster Castle

Queen Anna Boleyn

The famous ghost in English literature is

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The Canterville Ghost

Watch this episode:

- Discuss with your partner and write down what this episode is about.



Check your answers:

When the American, Mr. Otis, bought Canterville Castle, everyone told him that this was very foolish, as the place was haunted. At eleven o'clock the family went to bed and some time after, Mr. Otis was awakened by a strange noise in the corridor, outside his room. It sounded like the clank of metal. Mr. Otis got up and looked at the time. It was exactly one o'clock. So Mr. Otis put on his slippers, went to the door and opened it. There, right in front of him, stood the ghost - his eyes were red; long grey hair fell over his shoulders and from his wrists and ankles hung heavy chains. "My dear Sir," said Mr. Otis, "you must oil those chains. It's impossible to sleep with such a noise." Shocked, the Canterville ghost stood quite motionless for a moment, but then he growled angrily. Just at this moment, the twins appeared on the corridor and threw a large pillow at him!

When the ghost reached his small secret chamber, he took a deep breath. No ghosts in history had ever been treated in this manner!

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