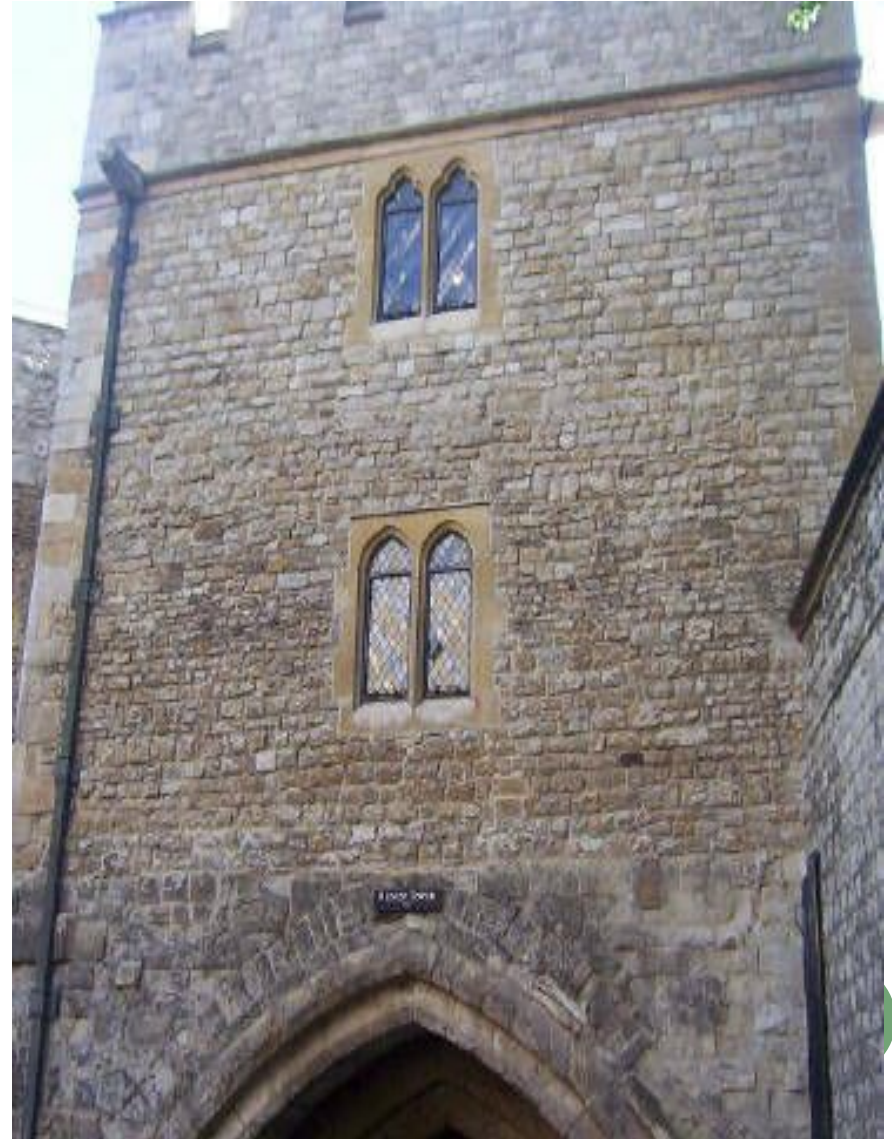


The history of the Tower of London is great, bloody and cruel. The gray stones of the Bloody Tower could tell a lot of saddest stories. At first this tower was named the Garden Tower. But it was renamed because of murderous events that took place there.



The walls of the Bloody Tower contain some of **the bloody secrets**. A lot of famous people were killed or beheaded there.





So **the Two little Princes** - **Edward V** and his younger brother **Richard, the Duke of York** were killed there on the order of their uncle the Duke of Gloucester, afterwards **King Richard III.**

Today people believe that at night you can see **the ghosts** of famous people in the **Bloody Tower.** They even saw the ghosts of two sad and beautiful children in white clothes walking along the dark halls.



There is another **legend** in the Tower of London. **'If the ravens leave the Tower, the kingdom will fall...'** Legend says that the kingdom and the Tower will fall if the six ravens leave the fortress.



It was **Charles II**, according to the stories, who first insisted that the ravens of the Tower **should be protected.**

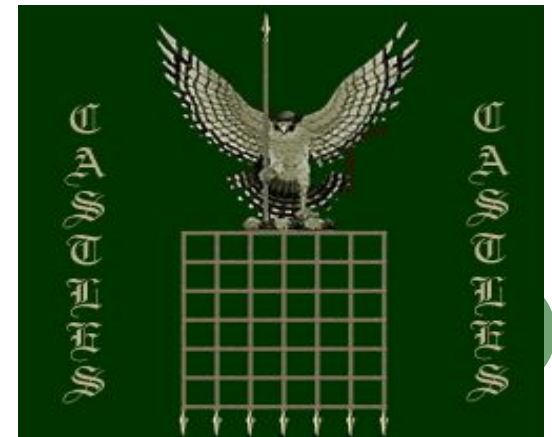


Six ravens, plus one as a reserve, live in the Tower today. Each of raven has its own name.

Please note: We would ask that you **do not try to feed** the ravens. They are large birds who are fed daily by our Ravenmaster. **They can bite you**, so please be careful.



The ravens eat 170g of raw meat a day, plus bird biscuits soaked in blood.





Every night at 10 p.m. at the Tower of London the **Ceremony of the Keys** takes place. The Tower is locking up. The Ceremony of the Keys is a **700 year old tradition.**



Five minutes before the hour the Headwarder comes out with the keys and cries: **'Escort for the keys.'** Then he closes the three gates. Another warder asks: **'Halt, who comes there?'** **'The Keys.'** **'Whose keys?'** **'Queen's Elizabeth's Keys,'** comes the answer. **'Advance Queen's Elizabeth's Keys. All's well.'**

