



Tudors

## Map 15 WESTMINSTER

'Bacteria can spread with astonishing speed, but so too can ideas.'

We were walking alongside the Thames path, groups of pink-faced joggers in bright outfits parting around us. Across the river from us were the filigreed buildings of Parliament and Big Ben shining in the sunlight.

'We're leaping forwards here now, my boy, accelerating all the time. Forgive me if I skip some Henrys and the Wars of the Roses on this trip after so much recent death. There's too much, too much history for us to fit in. The headlines were: lots of warring with the French, lots of warring within the House of Plantagenet. All incredibly important and of course ultimately ushers in that famous bunch, the Tudors, but as I say, too much blood for me. And besides, I find the pen is both mightier and more interesting than the sword.'

We sat at a bench and watched the boats passing down the iconic River Thames.



'It was of course the German Johannes Gutenberg who began experimenting with the technology for printing in 1440, and by 1450 set up the world's first commercial press. But it was a merchant called William Caxton who brought that technology to these shores and set up a press in Westminster in 1475.

'By modern standards it was laborious, with each page needing to be set up with metal type, but prior to that the only way of copying texts was by hand – the word manuscript is literally the Latin for 'written by hand'. A single printing press could print thousands of pages a day, many hundreds of times what a team of scribes could produce. The press led to books becoming massively cheaper and more available to everyone. Without this technology, our entire history would be unimaginably different, and the printing press has grounds to be one of the most transformative technologies in the history of mankind. It is impossible to imagine what the world would have been like without it. Now, let's take a stroll by the river and you can read out some clues to me.'



## QUESTIONS

### Easy

1. How many libraries are specifically indicated on the map?
2. Where on the map could you be in the audience of an international cricket match?

### Medium

3. The word 'Mayfair' appears on the map. What does it mean?
4. What do you get if you add the number of bridges named on the map to the number of museums shown (excluding art galleries)?

### Tricky

5. With respect to the map, which of these is the odd one out: Banqueting, Lancaster, Leicester, Somerset?
6. Where is the largest complete island shown on the map?

### Challenging

7. Can you piece these fragments back together to make four locations shown on the map: ALF, ARL, BAT, DBR, ENT, ERS, ESTI, FOR, GER, HALL, HOU, HUN, IAM, IDGE, ION, OFP, POW, ROY, SEA, SES, TAT, TER, VAL?
8. Using only pink capital letters in the names of Tube stations, can you find an eight-letter word meaning 'clean'?

