Literary London: Imagining the City

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Roman and Medieval London



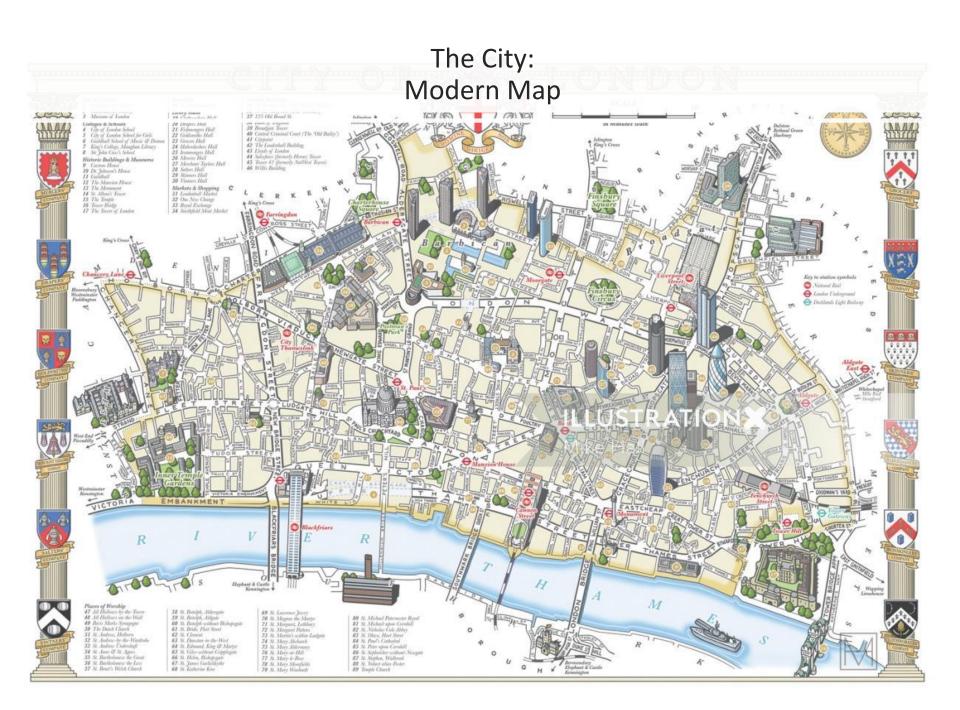
LONDON



Modern
London:
Millenium
Bridge,
St. Paul's,
City



The City

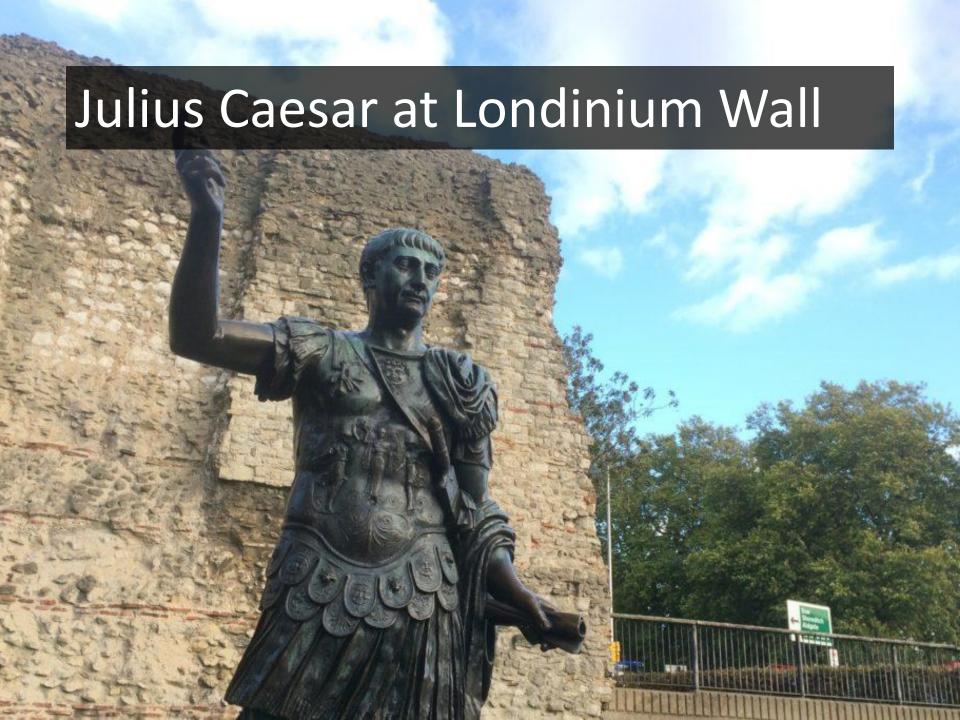




Roman Londinium—about 200 AD



Julius Caesar's British Invasions—54 BC



Claudius Caesar Invades Britain 43 AD



... with War Elephants!



Roman Conquest of Britain 43-83 AD

Londinium founded 47 AD



Boadicea's/Boudicca's War 60 AD

London Burnt





Boadicea Statue, Westminster



Buried under Kings Cross Station?

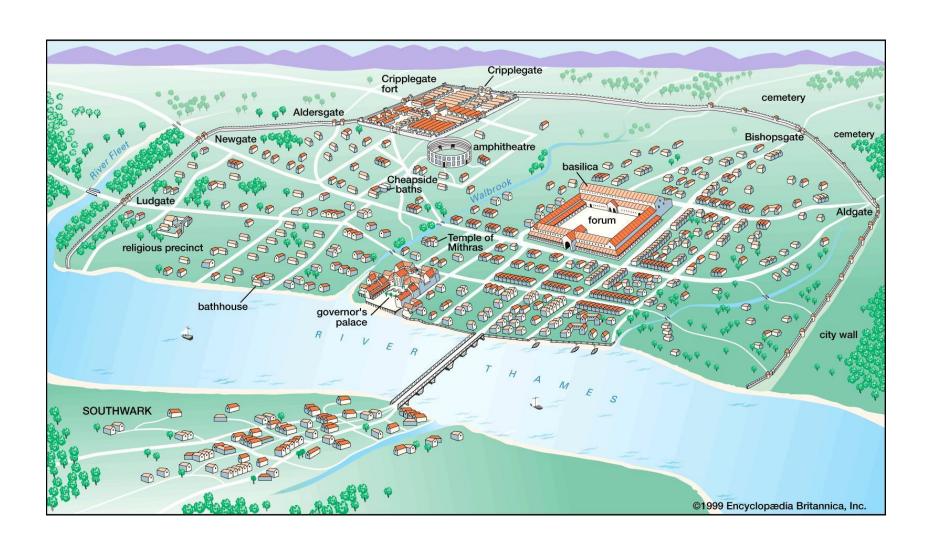
...near
Platform 9

34's
?????





Roman Londinium—200 AD



London Wall Fragment



London Wall
Near the Tower
layers from
2nd to 18th
Centuries





Roman Wall, Barbican MITHRAS, God of the Morning, our trumpets waken the Wall!

'Rome is above the Nations, but Thou art over all!'

Now as the names are answered, and the guards are marched away,

Mithras, also a soldier, give us strength for the day!

Mithras, God of the Noontide, the heather swims in the heat, Our helmets scorch our foreheads; our sandals burn our feet. Now in the ungirt hour; now ere we blink and drowse, Mithras, also a soldier, keep us true to our vows!

Mithras, God of the Sunset, low on the Western main,
Thou descending immortal, immortal to rise again!
Now when the watch is ended, now when the wine is drawn,
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Mithras, God of the Midnight, here where the great bull dies, Look on Thy children in darkness. Oh take our sacrifice! Many roads Thou hast fashioned: all of them lead to the Light, Mithras, also a soldier, teach us to die aright!

Rudyard Kipling, "Hymn to Mithras"

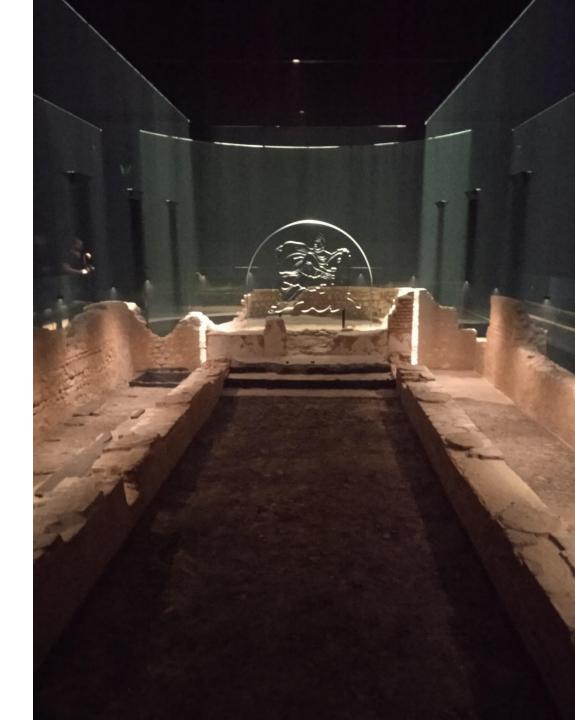
"In London, to Mogontius" (AD 70)







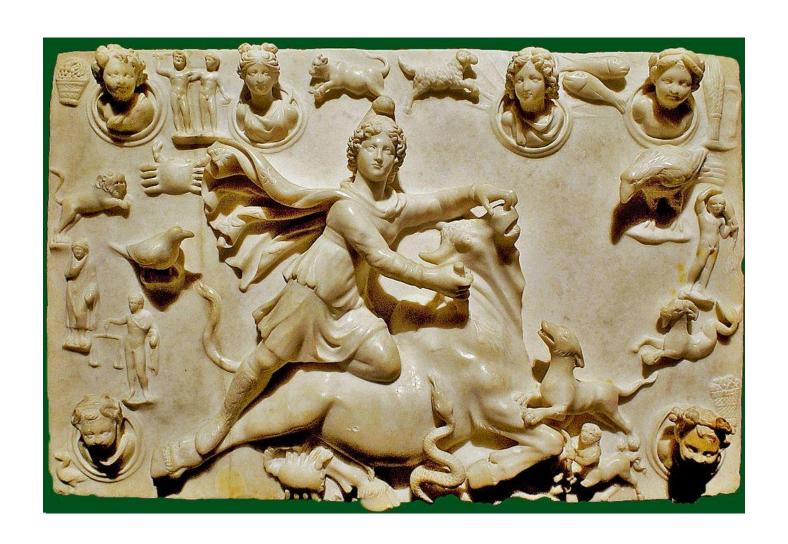
Mithraeum...

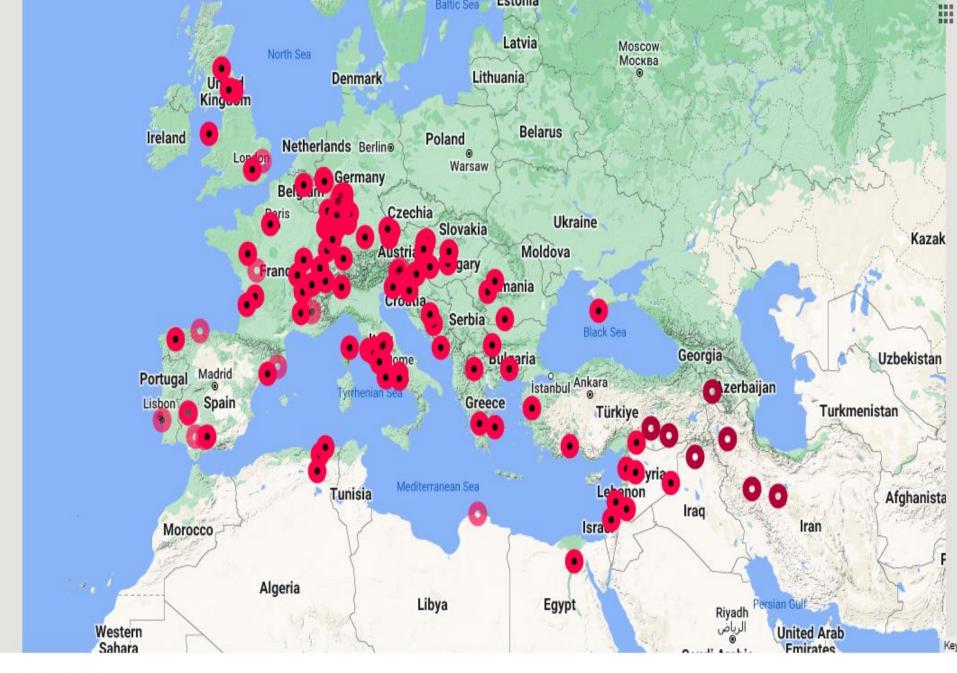


Marble tauroctony (Rome, 2nd century AD); in British Museum



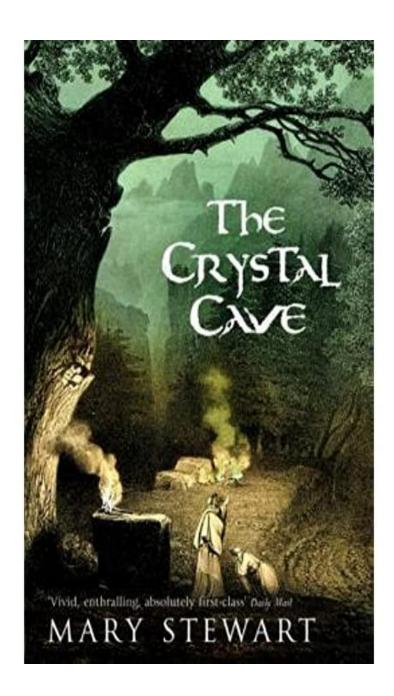
Tauroctony (Arles) with zodiac





Mithraeum in Santa Prisca, Rome





"A Song to Mithras"

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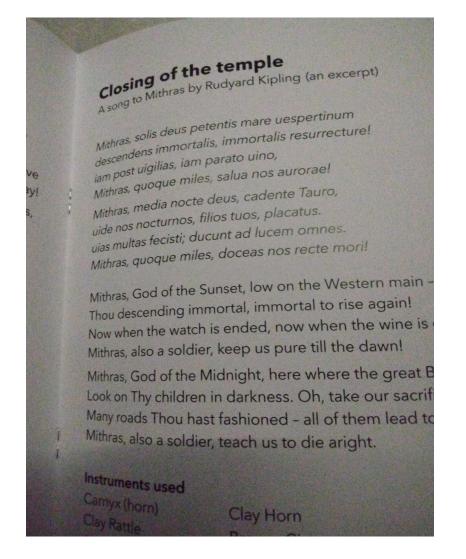
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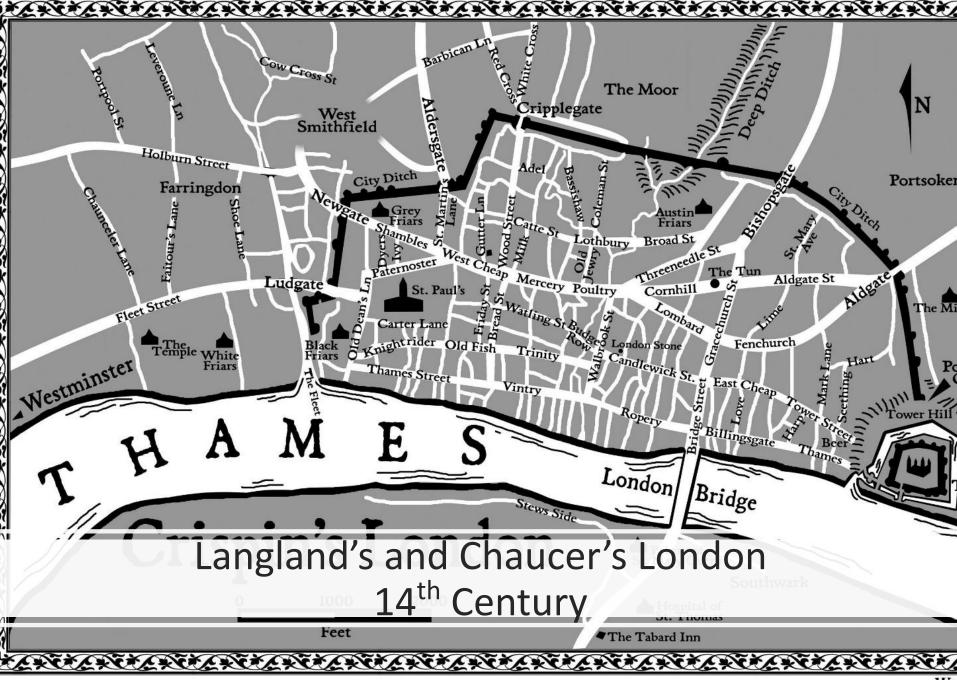
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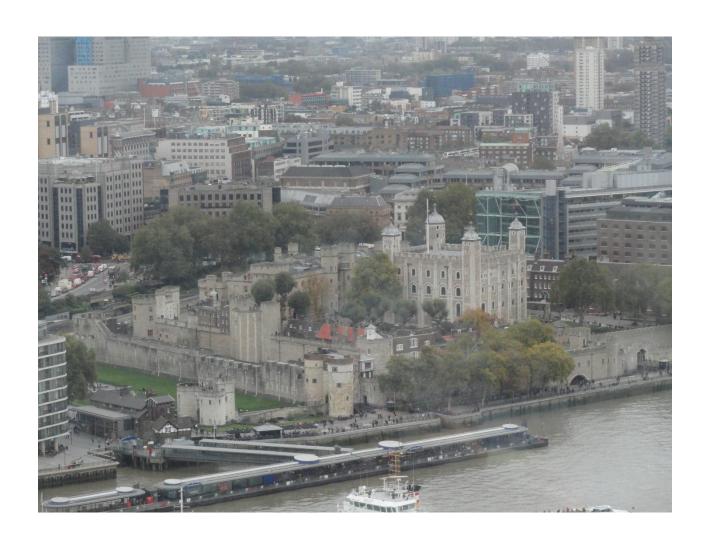


Mithraic Latin Liturgy





The Tower of London, c. 1090



The Original Tower of London: The White Tower

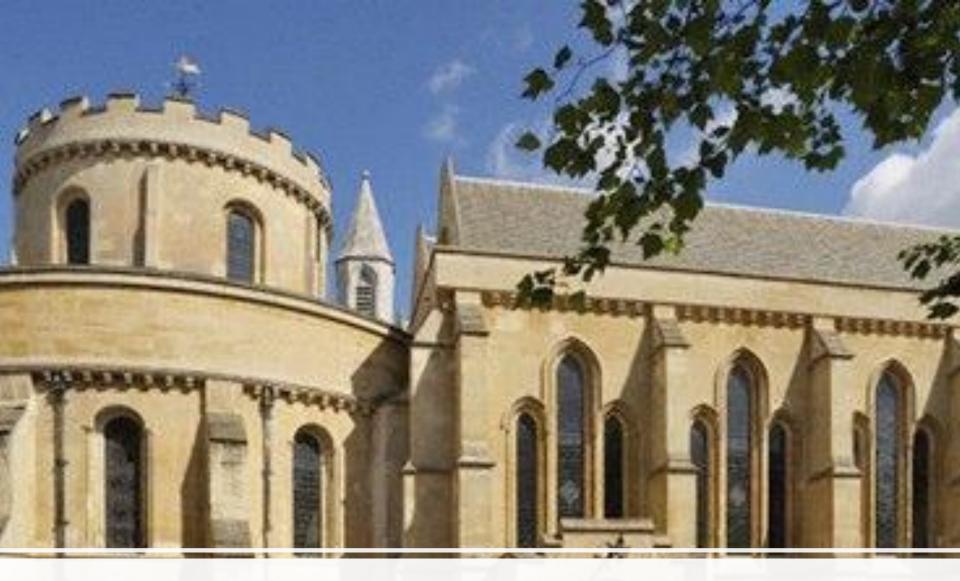




The Moat of the Tower

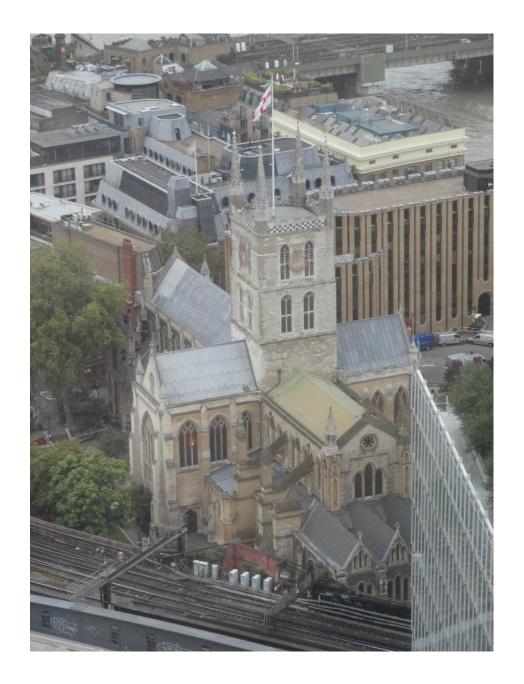
The Temple, Circular Crusader Church 1185





... and its later extension

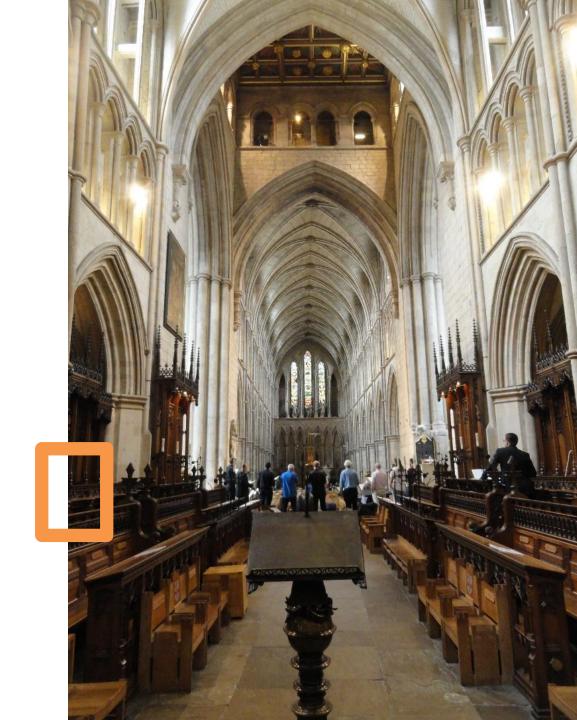
Southwark
Cathedral
from the
Shard



Southwark Cathedral Foundations 1212 (as St. Mary's Church)



Interior of Southwark Cathedral



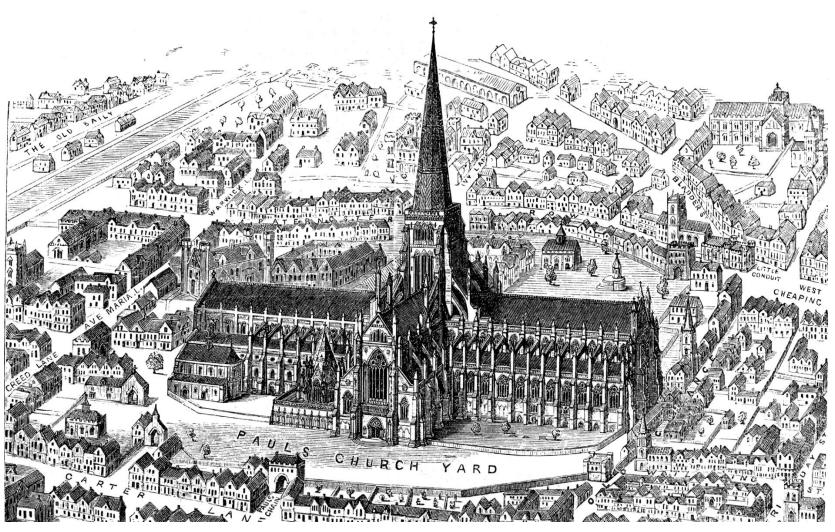


Charterhouse Monastery 1371



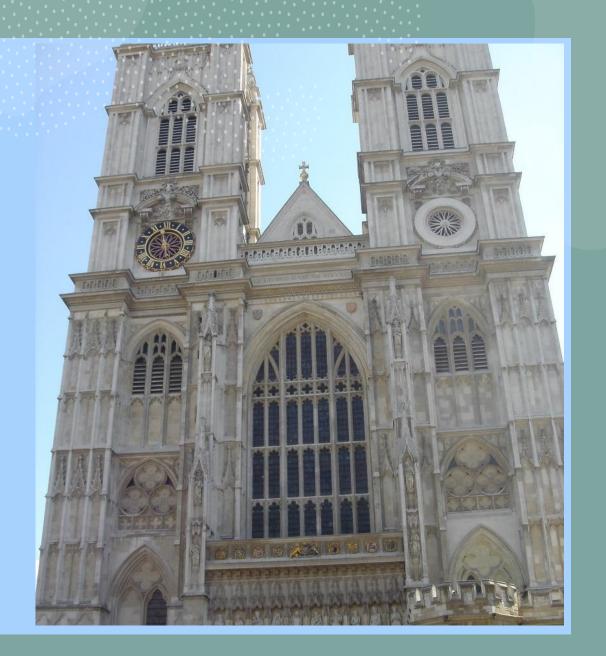
1209-1831

Old St. Paul's Cathedral 1087-1666



City of Westminster: Westminster Abbey

1065



Chaucer's
Tomb, Poets'
Corner
Westminster
Abbey

1400

