

I Escaped The Tower Of London  
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**Chapter Comprehension Questions**

Chapter 1: What attacked Ben in the dungeon?

Chapter 2: Who was the girl on the barge and why was she afraid?

Chapter 3: Who was Princess Elizabeth's mother?

Chapter 4: What is the nursery rhyme about?

Chapter 5: Why did the water in the moat stink?

Chapter 6: Who gave Ben the oranges? What did he want Ben to do?

Chapter 7: Did the Earl's plot work?

Chapter 8: Why was Ben hiding in Princess Elizabeth's bed?

Chapter 9: What did the Beefeaters want Ben to confess?

Chapter 10: How did Ben escape the dungeon?

Chapter 11: What was the scariest part of the Armories?

Chapter 12: What did Ben fear might happen when he climbed up the chimney?

Chapter 13: Who was helping Ben escape? How?

Chapter 14: Could Ben and Tim swim?

Chapter 15: Why did the Earl of Devon pretend he didn't know Ben?

Chapter 16: Why didn't Ben and Tim return to London?

Chapter 17: How did Queen Elizabeth reward Ben?

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**Study Guide**

Cause and Effect Part One:

**Cause:** Ben sees a girl crying and calling for help.

**Effect:**

**Cause:** Princess Elizabeth tells Ben that her sister, Queen Mary, wants to have her tried for treason.

**Effect:**

Cause and Effect Part Two:

**Cause:**

**Effect:** Ben is thrown in the Dungeon of the Rats

**Cause:**

**Effect:** Tim comes to the Tower to rescue Ben.

## VISUALIZATION

Choose one and draw a picture of it:

The Tower of London

A Beefeater

The Dungeon of the Rats

A princess or a knight

## WHAT WOULD YOU DO?

You see Princess Elizabeth crying for help. She is surrounded by guards, What would you do?

You are imprisoned in the Tower of London and want to escape. What plan would you come up with?

You become a knight. What motto would you choose for your family crest?

## MAKING INFERENCES

The fisherman clenched his fists. "Her mother, Queen Anne Boleyn, was taken through the Traitor's Gate. A few weeks later, they chopped off her head."

Ben gaped. "Surely they won't execute the Princess?".

Why does Ben fear the Princess will be executed? And how does he think it will happen?

A woman shouted, "God save you, your Grace."

A man shouted, "God save you from Bloody Mary!"

Another shouted, "God save us all from Bloody Mary. She'll destroy England."

These people hate Queen Mary, Ben thought. I do too. If not for her cruel laws, my parents would still be alive.

Did everyone in England like Queen Mary? Why or why not?

Ben swallowed hard. It was awful to be an orphan, to lose the ones you loved best, the ones who loved you. Bloody Mary's guards had killed Ma and Pa last year when he was fourteen. And for nothing!.

Did Ben's own childhood influence how he felt about Princess Elizabeth. Why?

Together they stared at the fortress. Ben pictured the spiral stone stairwells where he climbed up and down with buckets of coal. The place was a maze of cold, creepy towers, all protected by a thick wall and moat. As for the dungeons, they looked ready to swallow you up.

Does Ben like delivering coal to the Tower of London? Why or why not?

Ben rolled his eyes. “Funny, aren’t you? Just look at them all—shepherd’s pie, partridge pie, swan pie, apple pie, and steak and kidney pie. Which do you want?”

Tim licked his lips. “If I ever get my teeth into a shepherd’s pie, I’ll think I’ve died and gone to heaven.”

Did Ben and Tim get lots of good food?

### IMAGINARY DIARY

Imagine you are a knight, a princess, or an orphan in medieval England.

1. Describe your life in two paragraphs
2. Write 3 diary entries

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**CHAPTER COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS/ANSWER KEY**

Chapter 1:

How old is Ben? **Ben is fifteen.**

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Chapter 2:

Who was the girl on the barge and why was she afraid? **The girl was Princess Elizabeth. She was afraid because she was being taken through the Traitor's Gate for questioning.**

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Chapter 3:

Who was Princess Elizabeth's mother? **Her mother was Queen Anne Boleyn.**

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Chapter 4:

What is the nursery rhyme about? **\_\_\_The nursery rhyme is about the bells ringing in London churches and cathedrals.**

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Chapter 5:

Why did the water in the moat stink? **The water had rubbish and excrement in it.**

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Chapter 6:

Who was the person who gave Ben the oranges? What did he want Ben to do? **The Earl of Devon wanted Ben to take a message to Princess Elizabeth.**

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Chapter 7:

Did the Earl's plot work? **\_\_\_The message got through but the plot didn't work.**

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Chapter 8:

Why was Ben hiding in Princess Elizabeth's bed? **Ben was hiding from the guards.**

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Chapter 9:

What did the Beefeaters want Ben to confess? **That Princess Elizabeth knew of the plot to make her queen and Ben was helping her escape.**

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Chapter 10:

How did Ben escape the dungeon? **He escaped by sliding down a rope across the moat.**

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Chapter 11:

What was the scariest part of the Armories? **The statues of knights on horses.**

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Chapter 12:

What did Ben fear might happen when he climbed the chimney? **He feared he might get stuck.**

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Chapter 13:

Who was helping Ben escape? How? **Tim, his friend, helped with the rope to cross the moat and the boat to sail the Thames.**

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Chapter 14:

Could Ben and Tim swim?

**No.**

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Chapter 15:

Why did the Earl of Devon pretend he didn't know Ben? **He had switched sides and supported Queen Mary instead of Princess Elizabeth. He didn't want**

**others to know of his plot to save Princess Elizabeth.**

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Chapter 16:

Why didn't Ben and Tim return to London?      **They feared they would be arrested.** \_\_\_\_\_

Chapter 17

How did Queen Elizabeth reward Ben? **Queen Elizabeth made Ben a knight.**

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## CROSSWORD PUZZLE

### WOULD YOU ESCAPE THE TOWER OF LONDON?

Dungeon: A dark, dank underground prison.

Moat: A deep, broad ditch surrounding a castle.

Armor: Defensive clothing worn by medieval warriors.

Beefeater: Guards at the Tower of London

Dagger: A sharp metal stabbing weapon

Queen: A female ruler, especially one who inherits the position by right of birth.

Knight: A person granted an honorary title of knighthood by a head of state or a Monarch, the church, or the country, particularly in a military capacity,

Invisible: Unable to be seen, not visible to the eye.

## CAUSE AND EFFECT

Cause: Ben sees a girl crying and calling for help.

Effect: **Ben wants to help her.**

Cause: Princess Elizabeth tells Ben that her sister, Queen Mary, wants to have her tried for treason.

Effect: **Ben is worried and wants to help her.**

Cause: **Ben gets caught trying to help Princess Elizabeth.**

Effect: Ben gets thrown in the Dungeon of the Rats

Cause: **Ben sends Tim a message asking for help.**

Effect: Tim comes to the Tower to rescue Ben.

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**Ben thinks she could be beheaded like her mother, who was also taken through the Traitor’s Gate.**

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**Not everyone liked her as she had strict laws for those not Roman Catholic.**

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Did Ben's own childhood influence how he felt about Princess Elizabeth. Why?  
**Yes, because Ben's parents were killed by a fire started by Queen Mary's guards.**

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Does Ben like delivering coal to the Tower of London? Why or why not?  
**No, he didn't like it because the Tower was cold and creepy, and possibly haunted.**

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**No.**