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# **I Am Going To Hear Big Ben!**

**A Step-by-Step Guide For A Walk Around The Houses of Parliament.**

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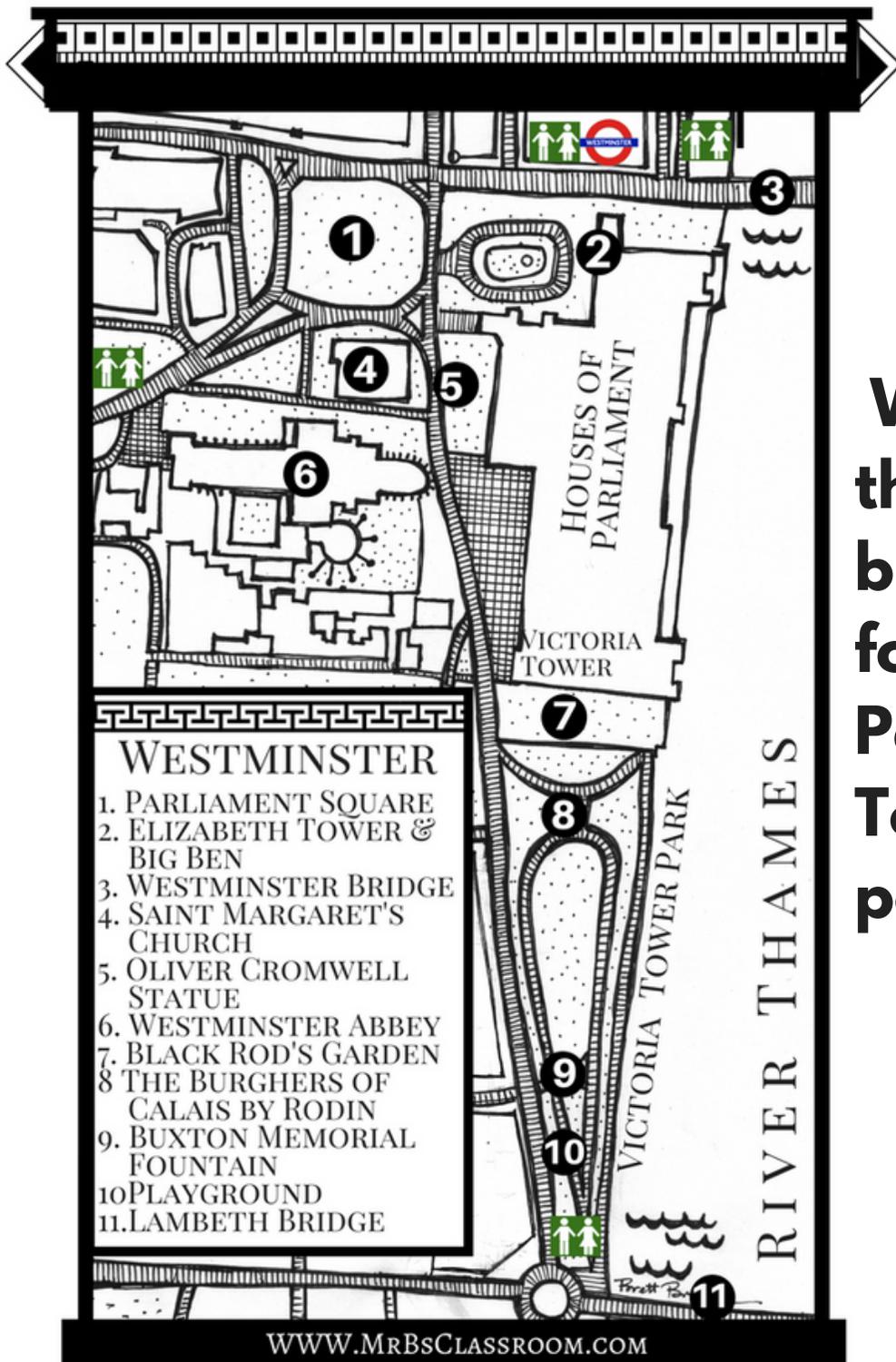
**Let's do something fun! Let's go hear Big Ben. Big Ben is a famous bell in the Elizabeth Tower at the Houses of Parliament.**



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**One of the easiest ways to visit Parliament is to take the tube to Westminster. The Westminster tube station is right across the street from Elizabeth Tower.**





**When you go to hear Big Ben there are many historical buildings to see. You can follow the street past Parliament to the Victoria Tower Garden and then back past Westminster Abbey.**

**This is the Westminster Bridge. Tourists from all over the world like to walk across the bridge.**



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**This is a great place to take a picture. Please be careful on the bridge. There are crowds of people and lots of cars.**



**Make sure you stay with your group!**

**Big Ben rings every hour. Are you going to wait to hear Big Ben? Sometimes they are working on the bell tower. If you don't hear the bell ring it means they are doing maintenance.**



**The Houses of Parliament are one of England's best known buildings. This is the side of the building that is on the River Thames. You can walk along the sidewalk on the other side of the building.**



**After you see the Elizabeth Tower you can walk down the street to see the Houses of Parliament.**



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**This is the statue of Oliver Cromwell. That big tower on the end of Parliament is called the Victoria Tower.**

**There is a park on this end of Parliament. It is called the  
Victoria Tower Park.**



**There are memorials in the park and a playground.**



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**At the end of the park you can cross the street and walk back on the other side. Be careful of cars!**



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**On this side of the street is the Jewel Tower!**

# And Westminster Abbey!



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**That is Saint Margaret's Church at the bottom of the photo.**

**The North entrance to Westminster Abbey is behind Saint Margaret's Church.**



**If you go inside, remember, churches are serious places. You have to use a quiet voice and there is no running!**

**You can walk around to the other side of Westminster Abbey to go through the West Door.**



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**I hope you have a great time visiting Parliament and hearing Big Ben. Remember, downtown London has a lot of people and a lot of traffic. Make sure you stay with your group!**



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**Take time to look at all the stone carving! These buildings are famous for their statues!**

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**This book will also help general ed teachers prepare their young students for a visit the Houses of Parliament and the surrounding area.**



## **Can You Translate?**

**If you can translate this book into any other language  
I would love to hear from you!**

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