



* Great Britain . London

Places of interest

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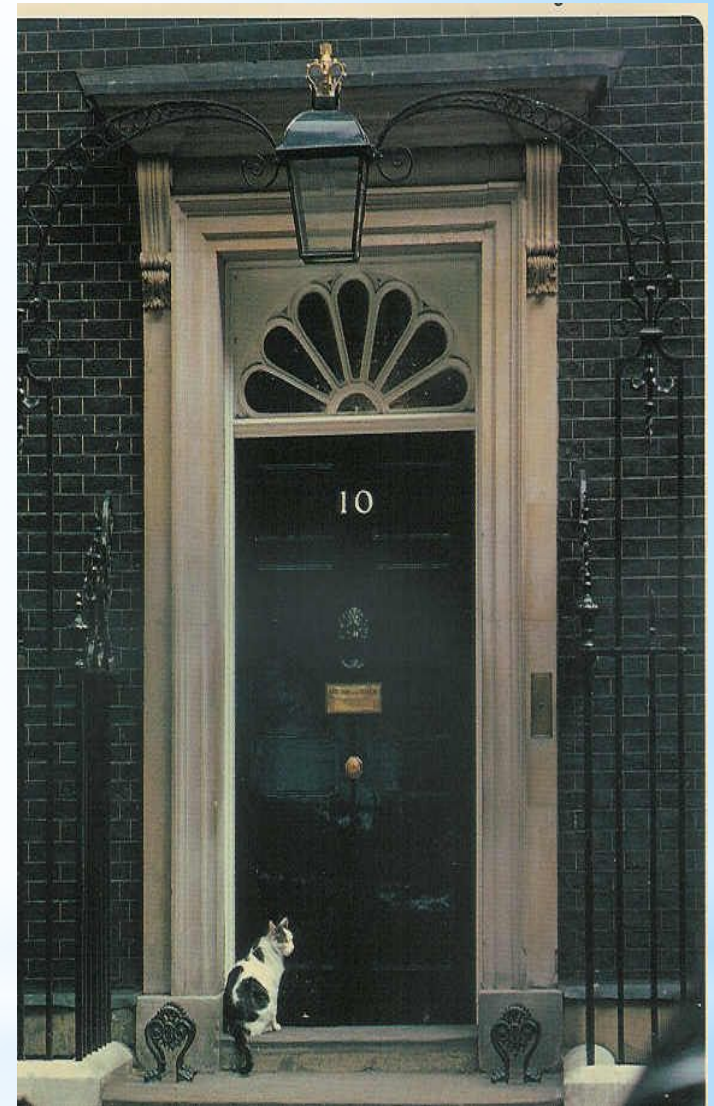




* Houses of Parliament



* Downing Street



*** The most famous address in Downing Street is 10 Downing Street , the residence of the Prime Minister.**



* Larry , the Downing Street cat



*Trafalgar Square



*Westminster Abbey





* British Museum



*** Is a combined bascule and suspension bridge over the Thames . It has become an iconic symbol of London.**



* Piccadilly Circus is a road junction and public space of West End , built in 1819 to connect Regent Street with the major shopping street of



- * London Eye was formally opened by the then Prime Minister , Tony Blair , on 31 December 1999.



- * Is a popular privately-run museum ,
dedicated to the famous fictional
detective Sherlock Holmes.



* It opened in 1990 and is situated in Baker Street.



* Wax figures



* Sherlock Holmes and
Doctor Watson



* Sherlock Holmes and Doctor John H . Watson lived at 221b Baker Street between 1881-1904, according to the stories written by Sir Arthur Conan Doyle.



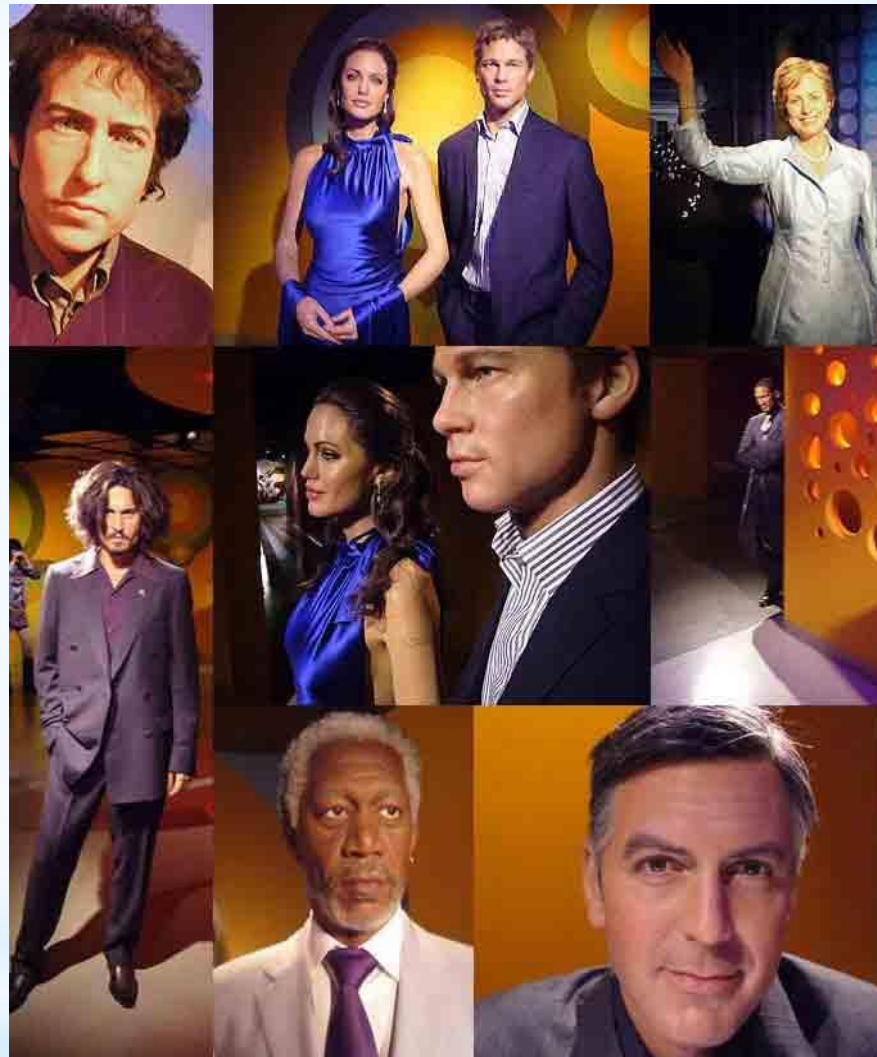
- * Is a wax museum in London with branches in a number of major cities . It was founded by sculptor Marie Tussaud .



* Marie Tussaud , was born Anna Marie Grosholtz(1761-1850)in Strasbourg , France.



Tussaud created her first wax figure, of Voltaire, in 1777. Other famous people she created at that time include Jean-Jacques Rousseau and Benjamin Franklin.



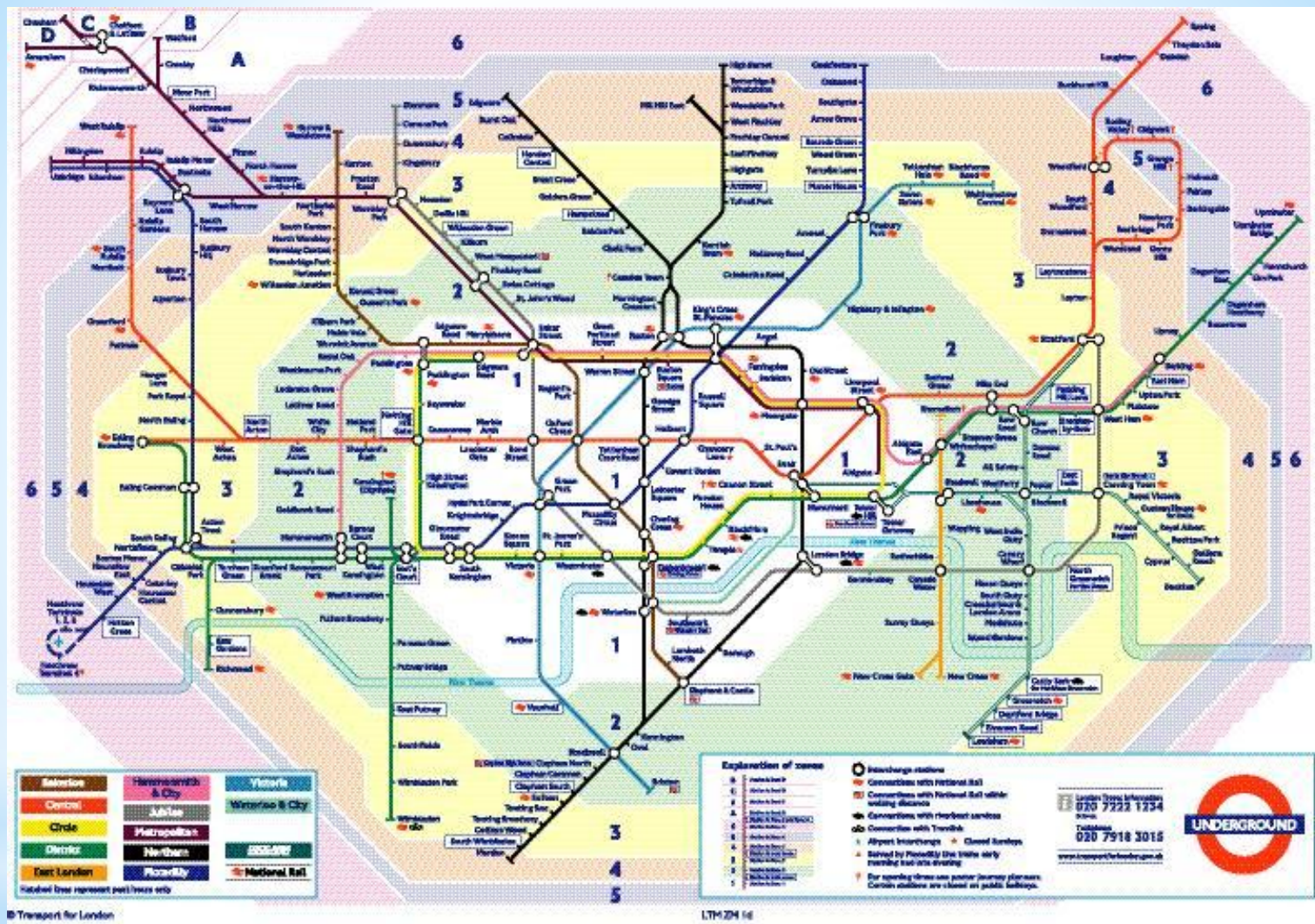
* By 1835 Marie had settled down in Baker Street ,London and opened a museum . One of the main attractions of her museum was the Chamber of Horrors.



* The London Underground , Underground or Tube is a rapid transit system serving a large part of Greater London and neighbouring areas of Essex ,Hertfordshire and Buckinghamshire in the UK.



- * The first section opened in 1863, and was the first underground railway system in the world, and, starting in 1890, it was also the first to operate electric trains. The Underground has 270 stations and about 400km of track, making it the longest metro system in the world by route length. It also has one of the highest number of stations.



* In 2007, more than one billion passenger journeys were recorded, making it the third busiest metro system in Europe after Paris and Moscow.



* London Zoo



- * **London Zoo is the oldest scientific zoo in the world. It was opened in London on 27 April 1828, and was originally intended to be used as a collection for scientific study . It was eventually opened to the public in 1847.**



* Today it houses a collection of 755 species of animals , with 16,802 individuals , making it one of the largest collections in the United Kingdom.



*** Meerkats pups at the London Zoo.**





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* ***The Royal Family . The British Royal Family is the group of close relatives of the monarch of the United Kingdom.***



* HM The Queen Elizabeth and HRH The Duke of Edinburgh.



* Prince Charles , Prince Harry and Prince William.

Questions

- 1. What places of interest in London do you know?**
- 2. What is Downing Street famous for?**
- 3. What has become the iconic symbol of London?**
- 4. When was Piccadilly Circus built?**
- 5. Who was London Eye formally opened by?**
- 6. Where is the Sherlock Holmes Museum situated?**
- 7. What was founded by sculptor Marie Tussaud?**
- 8. When was the first section of the London Underground opened?**
- 9. How many stations does it have?**
- 10. When was London Zoo opened to the public?**
- 11. What is the Royal Family?**