



## Knowledge Organiser: River Thames

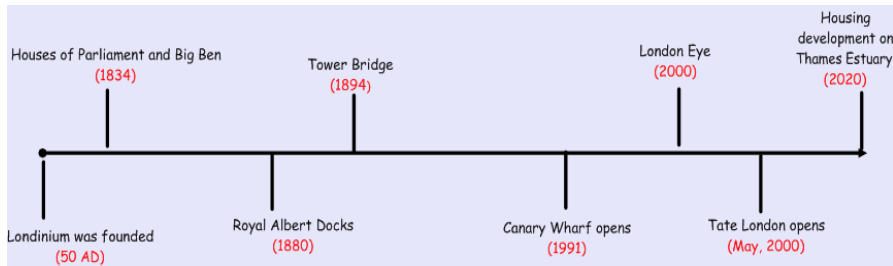
### The River Thames

The River Thames is the second longest river in the UK at 346km from Thames Head north of Kemble in Gloucestershire, to the Thames Estuary.

The area of its floodplain is 896 km<sup>2</sup>. There are 47 locks in total.



### London Developments along the River Thames



### Uses of The River Thames

#### London Wetlands Centre



Here the River is used for conservation.

This is a protected area and is home to lots of wildlife, including hundreds of birds, frogs, newts and bats.



#### The Thames Barrier



This was built to protect the River Thames from flooding from the sea.

It is a set of gates that lie in the water across the river, which stop the tides from the sea affecting the river.



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