

1 Get ready Learn more about British historical characters. → **WB** p. 48-49

2 Discover your challenge

Work in teams to discover horrible medieval crimes.

- a. Get as much information as possible about one crime: the victim, the circumstances and the murderer(s).
- b. Ask questions to investigate the other teams' crimes and discover what happened.

3 Have your say

Say which crime you find particularly horrible. Explain.

Team A The Princes in the Tower

SOLVE THE MYSTERY

What happened to the young princes Edward and Richard?

The famous historian **Harvey Rod** tells us about this historical mystery.



The Princes in the Tower, painting by John Everett Millais, 1878.

When did this mystery take place?

It started when King Edward IV died, in 1483. He had two sons, Edward, 12 and Richard, 9. He wanted his brother Richard to take care¹ of them.

Did he take care of them?

The princes lived with Richard in the Tower of London. But, in May 1483, they disappeared.

Do we know what happened to them?

No one really knows. It is still² a mystery today but everyone believes Richard murdered them! But no one knows when, where or how it happened!

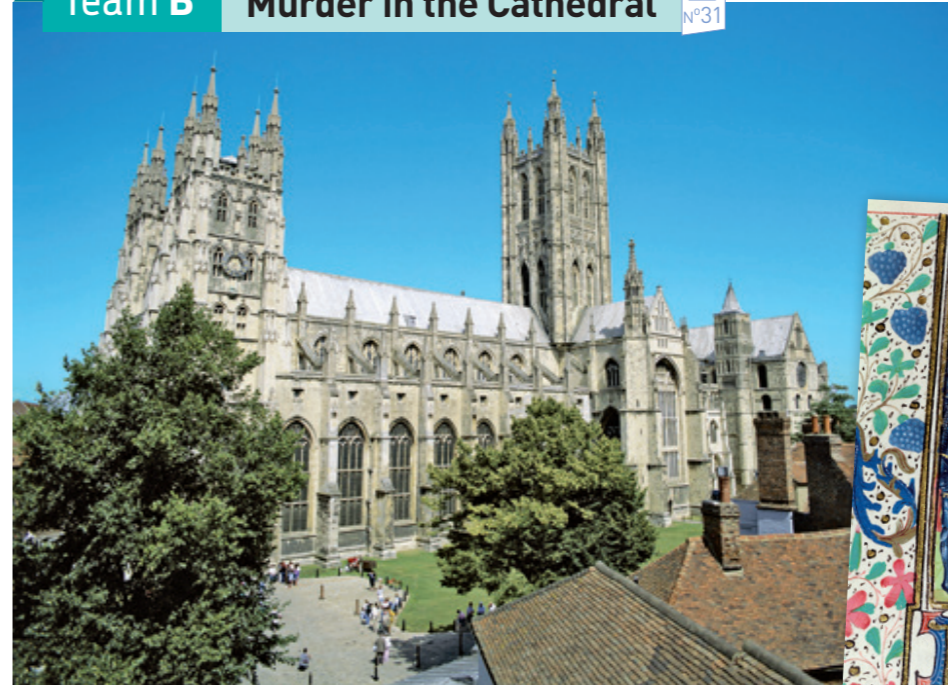
And do we know why?

Richard wanted power. He didn't want the young Edward to become king because he wanted to be king himself.



The Tower of London.

Team B Murder in the Cathedral



Canterbury Cathedral.



Knights killing Thomas Becket.

Team C Tragic death at the monastery



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A tragic death

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King James I of Scotland was not popular with the nobles and so he had many enemies.

On February 20th, 1437, King James was at the Blackfriars Monastery. In the evening, he was playing cards with the queen and her ladies¹ when they suddenly heard something outside and saw torches. James wanted the ladies to escape², but they stayed to guard the door. The king hid in the cellar³. Then the assassins entered. It was terrible: the ladies were screaming, the men were looking everywhere for the king. The king came out of the cellar when he thought the fight was finished. But his enemies saw him! The king resisted. He was fighting bravely when Lord Robert Graham, his worst enemy, killed him with his sword!



1. les dames de compagnie 2. s'échapper 3. la cave

1. s'occuper de 2. encore, toujours