

BRIEF HISTORY OF LONDON

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Watch this video and answer the questions as you listen.

1.-Why did the Romans chose this site to build their city?

- Because the river Thames was narrow enough to build a bridge across to the other bank,
- Because the river was shallow in this place.
- He doesn't say why.

2.-When did the Romans depart?

At the beginning of the 4th / 5th / 6th century.

3.-Which palace appeared to the west, thus setting up the polarity between state and commerce that exists to this day?

- Westminster
- Buckingham
- Windsor.

4.-Match these words

Narrow		packed
Densely		streets
Timber		houses

5.-When did the Great Fire take place?

- In 1656
- In 1666.
- In 1566.

6.-How much of the city was destroyed during the Blitz?

60% / 70% / 80%

7.-What did the London Building Act decree? Fill in the gap.

All housing should be built of _____ and to a standard design which formed the basis to London streets for the next 200 years.

8.-Fill in the gap

In the 19C, London's population grew up to _____ million people.

9.-Match the words and definitions.

Slum		Place where people have come to live and built houses.
Settlement		A very large city, often the most important in an area or country.
metropolis		Area with bad living conditions, overcrowded and with bad housing.

10.-Fill in the gaps.

London's population continued to fall after World War II until _____, when the capital began to grow _____ a global financial centre and there was an increase _____ immigration.

11.-What was the population of London in 1939?

- 6.6 million
- 8.6 million
- 9.5 million