



I stepped gingerly off the boat and walked into the Great Hall of the Westminster Palace. I had never been in such a huge, noisy, colourful place before. As we went in, there was a roar of sound – a terrible echoing din – that made me want to cover my ears. Hundreds of voices spiralled around – laughter and gossip, high chatter of children, music from trumpets and tabors, and the whining and yapping of dogs. Crowds of courtiers strolled around in their bright satins and velvets, nodding their fine feathered hats at each other. The ladies wore gowns the colour of apples and raspberries, lavender and mint, forget-me-nots and dog roses. Everyone smelled of the spiced pomanders that they carried. Servants in green livery held up branches of candles, and the golden light danced and flickered on the wood-panelled walls.

Monday Read Theory – home learning

09/03 Treason – Vocabulary

1. I stepped gingerly off the boat

What does the word gingerly tell you about how Will was feeling about visiting Westminster Palace?

2. Find and copy a word meaning walked

3. Find 3 things in the text that suggest that the palace was a noisy place.

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

4. ..and the golden light danced and flickered on the wood- panelled walls

What does flickered mean in this sentence?

5. What does the word livery mean? Tick the correct answer

To live in the palace.	
A special uniform worn by a servant.	
A type of flag	
A special room	

10/03 Treason - retrieval

1. What could Will hear when he entered the Westminster palace?

2. What did the courtiers do when they saw each other?

3. What were the servants holding? Why do you think they needed these in the Tudor times?

4. Why did everyone carry a pomander?

5.

	True	False
There were trumpets and tabors playing		
The courtiers wore dull stains and velvets		
He could hear the low chatter of the children.		
There were gowns of pear and bluebells		

11/03 Treason – inference

1. What gives you the impression that the Great Hall at Westminster Palace was a grand place?

2. Did Will feel comfortable in the Great Hall? Find two pieces of text to support your answer.

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3. *The Great Hall was a place for rich and powerful people.*

Do you agree or disagree with this statement? Explain your answer using the text

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4. *I have never been in such a huge, noisy colourful place before.*

Write 3 sentences about Will's life before he came to London.

12/03 Treason Summarise

1. Order the events in the story from 1 – 6

It was very noisy when he entered the hall	
People smelled of spice pomanders.	
He could hear laughter, children, music and dogs.	
Servants held up candles.	
Will arrived at the Great Hall in a boat.	
The courtiers nodded at each other	

2. Imagine you are Will. Write a short description to summarise the changes in your life since Matthew died.
