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Tower of London: Atmosphere

Before going to the Tower of London, I knew absolutely nothing about it. A part of me thought it was going to be a huge historical military compound with a prison, and to a small extent, it did serve those purposes. However, it did serve many other purposes besides those. As I entered, it felt as if I was stepping into a miniature city. Each structure on the grounds had a story to tell. The cobblestone pathways for horses and carriage, and the steps inside The Tower led me to feel the presence of those who walked there before me. As I sat in on a bench on The Tower and began to learn of its actual purposes, how it was a live in headquarters for the royalty and military, I felt the power and authority held in its walls. I could picture the space being filled with some of the most powerful people in the world at the time, and I felt quite feeble being inside such a large and somewhat foreboding structure. A prisoner being held in the compound could easily lose hope. For someone being held in one of the towers and only being able to see a sliver of the river, or the large White Tower promoting power and ultimate authority, I believe it would be quite easy to accept an ultimate fate of death.

