

Kings and Queens – Geography Lesson plan

Learning Activity 2

KS2 > geography > geographical skills and field work

- Use maps, atlases, globes and digital/computer mapping to locate countries and describe features studied

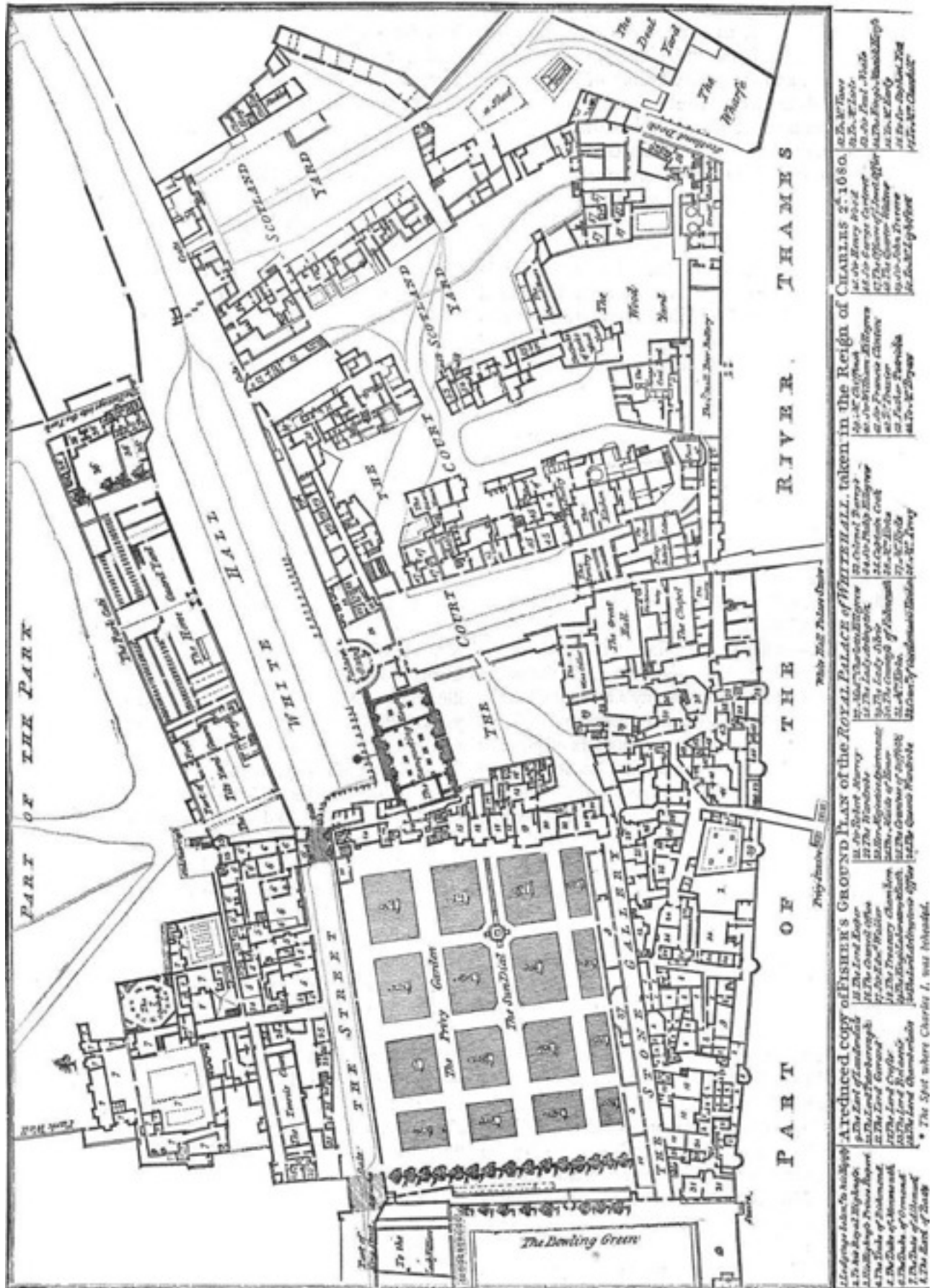
1. Compare the extensive layout of Whitehall Palace (see map below) at its peak in 1680 to today's street plan and satellite images.

Can you find Downing Street, the home of the British Prime Minister since about 1732 by merging a modern street map and the map of 1680. Downing Street is not named but can be found near The Street.



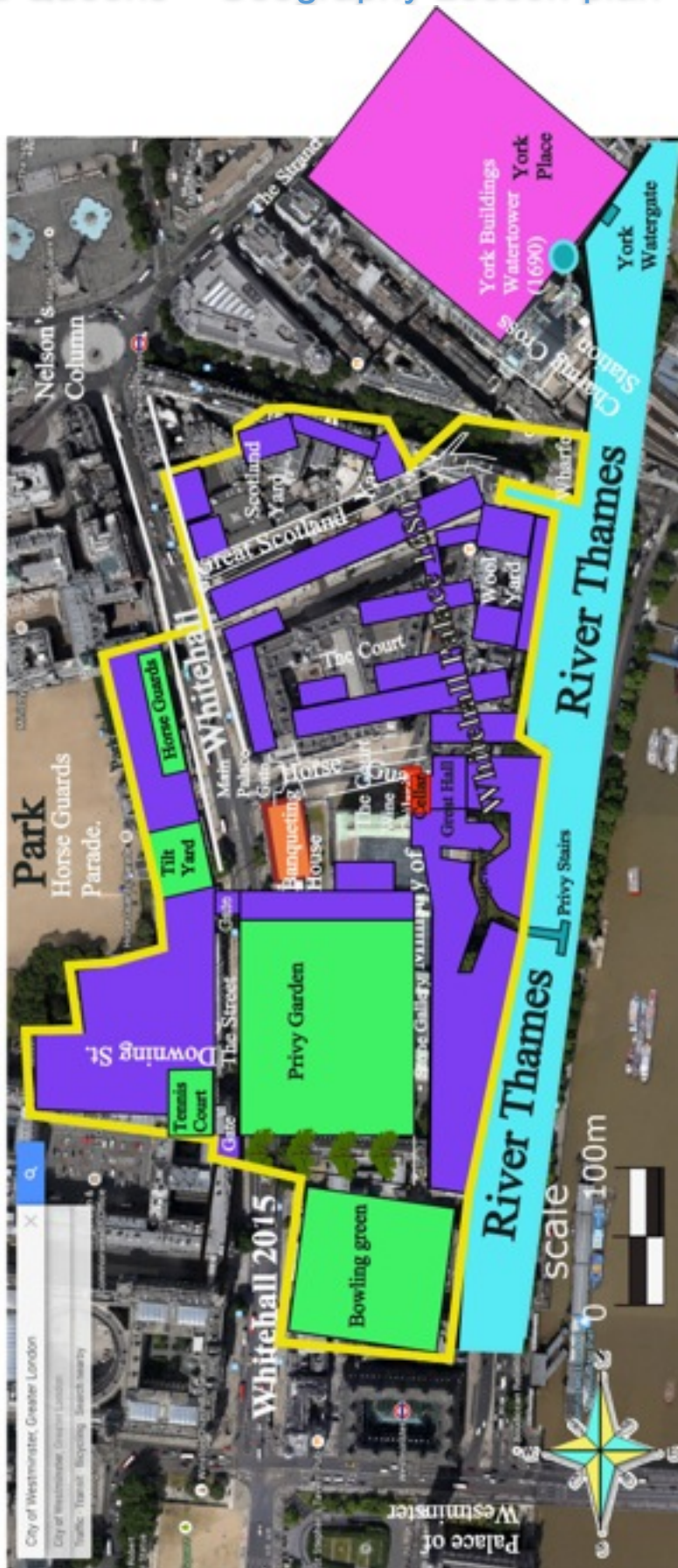
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1680 Whitehall map by Fisher - note position of North on the compass rose

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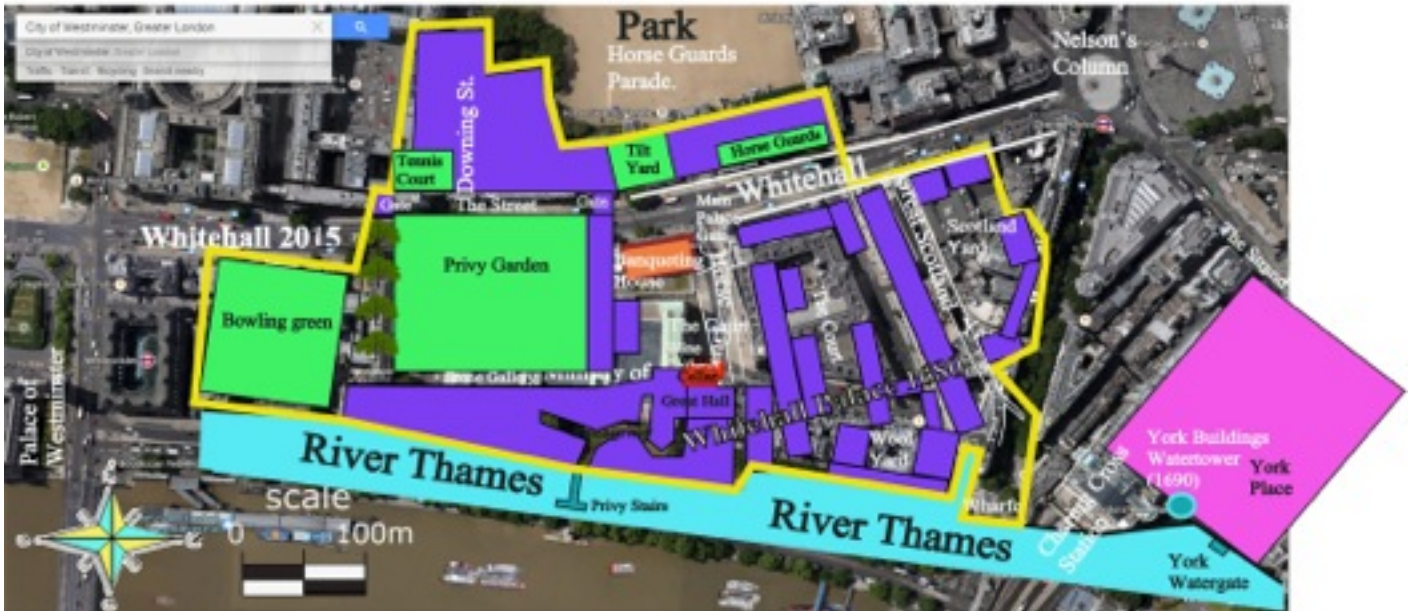


The buildings of Whitehall Palace overlaid on a modern aerial photo (Google)

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- The overlay on the satellite image shows how large the area of the Palace was. You can tell by looking at the scale in the bottom left of the image.

Why does the edge of the River Thames not line up with the current bank? Find out what is there now?



- Can you find Horse Guards on the 1860 map



Horse Guards Parade. Attribution: Photo: Marco Verch

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4. The Banqueting House is the only surviving building from Whitehall Palace. There is a black dot on the 1680 map. Find out what happened to Charles I here in 1649?



The Banqueting House from Whitehall

Use an Ordnance Survey map to give the OS grid reference for the Banqueting House so someone can find its precise location.