

## INTERVIEW WITH A BRITISH HISTORIAN

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*Have you ever been to the House of Parliament? Would you like to visit it?*

*I am Angela Holland, and today I will be interviewing a British historian called Iro Watson to learn about the Palace of Westminster and Big Ben.*

-Hello, Mrs Watson! It's a pleasure to meet you!

-Hello! I'm happy to be here with you today.

-Our readers are really interested in the House of Parliament and Big Ben, so would it be ok if I asked you some questions?

-Yes, I'd love to help you understand all the information about the two landmarks!

-Great! Our readers are most curious about the House of Parliament.

-The House of Parliament is mainly a legislative body housed in the Palace of Westminster. It consists of two houses, the house of Lords and the house of Commons.

-Wow, that's amazing! Who is the Head of State, and are the two houses appointed or elected?

-The Head of State is the Queen. The House of Lords is appointed, while the House of Commons is elected. Elections are held every five years.

-Now, we have some questions about Big Ben. What exactly is this worldwide famous tower?

- Big Ben is actually a nickname for the Great Bell of the striking clock. It is a clock tower!

-That's fascinating! When was the bell installed?

-The bell was installed in 1859.

-One last question, it's known that Big Ben has been renamed. What is its second name?

- Big Ben has been renamed Elizabeth Tower.

-Thank you for your time and for all the exciting and useful facts you informed us about!

-My pleasure!



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