

# The River Thames

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# Chapter 1

## History

### 1.1 Early history

The Romans developed the Port of London around 50AD when they established a settlement called Londinium on the River Thames. It then developed as a major trading and ship building centre and by 1576 was the worlds foremost trading port.

##18th and 19th centuries As the port expanded Parliament authorised the building of new docks and warehouses on the Isle of Dogs. In the 19th century further docks were added, including Esat India Dock. In August 1889 dock workers went on **strike**, an industrial dispute that was important in establishing strong trade unions for the dock workers.

##20th century **The Port of London Authority** was established in 1909 with responsibility for the river from Teddington Lock to the sea. Plans to develop the deep water shipping were delayed by the dock strike of 1912

##21st century What's the story?

#Bridges

From Tower bridge to hampton Court there are 35 bridges spanning the Thames

#Thames Life

Life on the Thames...

- Barges
- Locks
- Lifeboats
- Gardens

#Wildlife along the Thames

1. Fish
2. Swans
3. Ducks
4. Seals
5. Parakeets