

The Gunpowder Plot





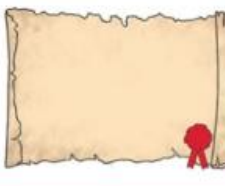


*Why did Guy Fawkes try to blow up
The Houses of Parliament?*

Glossary





1	Bonfire	A large fire.
2	Catholics	Members of the Catholic Church, a branch of Christianity.
3	Christians	People who follow the Christian religion.
4	Conspirators	People who are plotting together
6	Effigy	A model or sculpture of a specific person.
7	Firework	A bright and colourful explosion in the sky.
8	Government	A group of people that can pass laws to govern the UK
9	Gunpowder	A chemical that explodes if set alight.
10	Houses of Parliament	Buildings in London, where the government meets.
11	Monarch	A king or queen, for example King James I.
12	Plot	A secret plan to do something harmful to others
13	Protestant	Members of the Protestant Church.
14	Treason	Carrying out a crime against a country, monarch or government.

Life in Past	Life in Present
No electricity	Phones, tablets etc.
Manual labour	Office work, indoor jobs, range of work
Widespread poverty	Hot water, food, warm clothes
Basic living conditions	Everyone has a right to education
Limited schooling	Greater equality and choice
Different rules for boys and girls	Main accommodation is in cities
Unrepresented rule from Government	All adult citizens are allowed to vote

Timeline

March 1603	January 1604	April 1604	February 1605	October 1605	November 1605	5th November 1605
						
Elizabeth I dies. Her cousin becomes King James I of England.	Catesby starts planning the Gunpowder Plot.	Guy Fawkes is recruited as explosives expert.	A tunnel is dug towards Parliament. The Gunpowder is smuggled inside.	Lord Monteagle receives a letter of warning.	The King is shown the letter and The King's Men search the vaults.	Guy Fawkes is arrested and questioned. He is found guilty.

Key Figures

Thomas Catesby	King James I
 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Born in Warwickshire and went to school in Oxford. • He was very clever and charismatic. • Leader of the group plotting to blow up the Houses of Parliament. • He died in 1605 and was executed for organising the Gunpowder plot. 	 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • King of Scotland who later became King of Scotland and England. Protestant. • United the two countries in 1603. • Divine right (King = God's Ruler). • Not interested in the views of Parliament. • Unpopular, self-interested and intolerant.
Guy Fawkes (Guido Fawkes)	Elizabeth I
 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Born in 1570 in York, England • Lived in Spain and gained experience fighting for rights for Catholics. • Expert in gunpowder. • Found with fuses and matches on 5th November 1605 and arrested. 	 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Elizabeth was Queen of England. • Golden Age = successful and popular. • She died in 1603. • James I was her cousin and he became in King of England as she did not have a son.

Key Events and Facts	
What was the Gunpowder Plot?	The Gunpowder Plot was a plot to kill King James I and his government by blowing up the Houses of Parliament.
Who was involved in the plot?	Robert Catesby, Guy Fawkes, Thomas Percy, and five of their friends were involved.
Why were they plotting?	Under the rule of James I, Catholics were treated unfairly. The plotters were all Catholic and wanted King James removed from the throne.
How was the plot stopped?	A letter was sent to Lord Montague, who was due to go to the Houses of Parliament, warning him of the plot. He told the king, who sent guards to search the cellars. They found Guy Fawkes and gunpowder.
Why do we celebrate Bonfire Night?	King James I ordered that people should celebrate his survival on the 5th November. To this day, people still light bonfires and burn 'guys' (puppets made of straw, named after Guy Fawkes) to celebrate.