

Important things to know

1. Bonfire Night is celebrated every year in Britain on 5 November.
2. It is an event to remember the Gunpowder **Plot** in 1605, which was during the **Stuart** period.
3. In 1605, most people in England were either Catholics or Protestants.
4. **King** James I was Protestant. Catholics were treated badly under him.
5. Guy Fawkes and some other men wanted to help Catholics. They plotted to kill King James I by blowing up the Houses of **Parliament** in London.
6. The Gunpowder Plot failed. The next day (5 November) bonfires were lit to celebrate that the King had survived.
7. Some people thought that the plotters were villains for plotting to kill the King. Others thought that the plotters were heroes.
8. On 5 November, bonfires are lit and fireworks are let off. People meet and eat traditional food like parkin and toffee apples.
9. A **custom** like Bonfire Night is something that many people have done for a very long time.
10. Not everyone likes Bonfire Night. Some people think it is not safe.

This image from 1776 shows that people have been lighting fires for a long time.

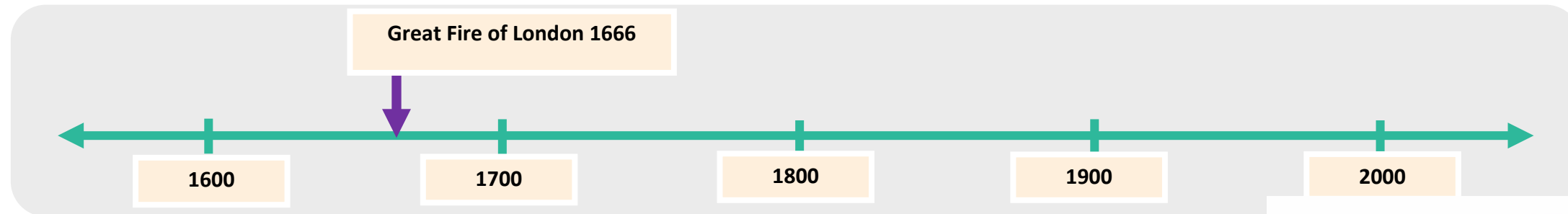


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5 words to remember

custom
king
parliament
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Stuart

I think we should / should not celebrate Bonfire Night because...



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- The Great Fire of London of 1666 happened in the **Stuart** period.
- It started in a bakery in Pudding Lane, **caused** by a spark from an oven.
- It lasted for 5 days.
- The fire spread quickly because:
 - houses were made of wood and built close together.
 - it was very hot. There was no rain.
 - there was no trained fire brigade.
- Many houses were burned, and we think 6 people died.
- Samuel Pepys and John Evelyn were **eyewitnesses** whose **diaries** tell us about the fire.
- The Monument is a **memorial** to remind us what happened.
- Sir Christopher Wren planned the rebuilding of London.
- Houses were rebuilt further apart from each other. More were built from brick and stone.
- Fire brigades were set up to stop this from happening again.

The Great Fire of London by Philippe-Jacques de Loutherbourg. This was painted in 1797, a very long time after the fire took place.



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I think the Great Fire made London a better / worse place because...

Can you find London on the map?

Can you add where you live to the map?

What was happening where you live in 1666?