

Bonfire Night: History and Traditions Assessment

Learning objective: To demonstrate understanding of the history of Bonfire Night, the Gunpowder Plot, and the importance of safety during community celebrations.

Read each question carefully before answering. Ensure you use full sentences for the extended response questions.

On the 5th of November, many people in the UK gather to watch fireworks and light bonfires. This tradition began after the failed Gunpowder Plot of 1605. A group of men, including Guy Fawkes, wanted to change the government by blowing up the Houses of Parliament. However, the plot was discovered before it could happen, and the King remained safe. Today, we remember this event by lighting fires and enjoying colourful displays in the night sky.

Word bank: Guy Fawkes · Houses of Parliament · Gunpowder Plot · King James I · Celebration · Safety · Tradition · Consequences

1. Identify the date when Bonfire Night is celebrated each year. (1 mark)

2. Name the group of buildings that the plotters intended to destroy. (1 mark)

3. Max the monkey is calculating the cost of a firework display. If a pack of sparklers costs £4.50 and a box of Catherine wheels costs £3.75, how much does he spend in total? (2 marks)

4. Explain why people light bonfires on the 5th of November. How does this link to the events of 1605? (4 marks)

5. Nova the owl is teaching a group about safety. List three important rules to follow when attending a firework display to ensure everyone stays safe. (3 marks)

6. Why is it important for a country to learn about its history, even when the events involve conflict or difficult choices? (4 marks)

7. Extended Writing: Imagine you are living in 1605. Write a diary entry describing how you feel when you hear that the plot has been discovered and the King is safe. Consider the relief and the atmosphere of the city. (10 marks)

Draw: Draw a scene of a community bonfire celebration. Include safety measures, such as a barrier or an adult supervising, and show a colourful firework pattern in the sky inspired by Zara the zebra's love of art.



Extension challenge: Total: /25