

# Bonfire Night: History and Traditions

*Learning objective: To understand the historical origins of Bonfire Night and the traditions associated with 5th November.*

Read the front of each card to test your knowledge about the history of Bonfire Night. Flip the card to check your answer.

**What is the historical event celebrated on 5th November?**

Bonfire Night commemorates the failure of the Gunpowder Plot of 1605.

**Who was the main person caught in the cellars of Parliament?**

Guy Fawkes.

**What were the plotters trying to destroy?**

The Houses of Parliament.

**Why did the plotters want to hurt the government?**

They were unhappy with the treatment of their religious group under King James I.

**What do people traditionally light on this night to remember the event?**

Bonfires.

**What are the colourful explosions seen in the sky during celebrations?**

Fireworks, which represent the gunpowder that was never used.

**What is a 'Guy'?**

An effigy, often made of old clothes stuffed with straw, representing Guy Fawkes.

**Why do we have fireworks displays today?**

To remember the failed plot and to celebrate the safety of the King and Parliament.

**In what year did the Gunpowder Plot take place?**

1605.

**What is the famous rhyme associated with 5th November?**

Remember, remember the fifth of November, gunpowder, treason and plot.

**Which character is known for loving history and stories?**

Ellie the elephant!

**What do we call a custom that has been passed down through generations?**

A tradition.