

The Great Fire of London Flashcards

Learning objective: To recall and understand key facts about the causes, events, and consequences of the Great Fire of London in 1666.

Read the front of each card and try to recall the answer before flipping it over. Use these cards to test your knowledge about the historic fire.

In what year did the Great Fire of London start?

1666.

Where did the fire begin?

Thomas Farriner's bakery on Pudding Lane.

Who wrote a famous diary describing the fire?

Samuel Pepys.

Why did the fire spread so quickly between houses?

The houses were made of wood and pitch, built very close together, and it was a very dry summer.

What method was used to stop the fire by creating gaps?

Creating a firebreak by pulling down houses to stop the flames from jumping to the next building.

Which famous London landmark was destroyed and later rebuilt by Christopher Wren?

St Paul's Cathedral.

What was the main material used to rebuild London after the fire?

Brick and stone, instead of wood, to make it safer.

How did the weather contribute to the fire?

There had been a very hot, dry summer, and strong winds fanned the flames across the city.

Why were people unable to easily put out the fire at the start?

They only had primitive firefighting tools like leather buckets, hand squirts, and fire hooks.

How did the fire change London's safety regulations?

New laws were passed to build houses with brick or stone walls to prevent future fires from spreading so easily.

What did Pip the bookworm discover about the fire's duration?

It lasted for four days, from Sunday, 2nd September to Wednesday, 5th September.

What did people use to carry their belongings to safety?

Many people escaped to the River Thames and loaded their possessions onto boats.