

Bonfire Night: The History Detective

Learning objective: To understand the historical context of Bonfire Night and identify key facts about the Gunpowder Plot of 1605.

Help Ellie the Elephant sort the historical clues! Read the facts below and decide if they are 'True' or 'False'. If you think a statement is False, use the space provided to explain why by writing the correct fact.

Word bank: 1605 · Guy Fawkes · King James I · Houses of Parliament · Gunpowder · Treason

1. True or False: The Gunpowder Plot took place in the year 1805. (2 marks)

2. True or False: The plotters wanted to protect King James I from harm. (2 marks)

3. True or False: Guy Fawkes was discovered guarding barrels of gunpowder in the cellars of the Houses of Parliament. (2 marks)

4. True or False: Bonfire Night is celebrated on the 5th of November every year to remember the failure of the plot. (2 marks)

5. True or False: People light bonfires today to celebrate the success of the plotters. (2 marks)

Draw: Draw a scene showing how we celebrate Bonfire Night today, including a bright firework display in the night sky and a warm bonfire.



Extension challenge: Imagine you are a reporter in 1605. Write a short news headline (no more than 10 words) to announce that the plot has been stopped!