

A Night to Remember: Bonfire Night Diary Entry

Learning objective: To write a recount of a historical event using descriptive language, past tense, and emotive vocabulary.

Imagine you are living in the year 1605. You have just witnessed the events of the 5th of November. Use this template to write a diary entry from your perspective. Think about the sights, sounds, and smells of the night, and describe how you feel about the failed plot. Use the word bank to help you improve your sentences.

Word bank: dramatic · treason · parliament · flickering · shadows · suspicious · cautious · smouldering · relief · unforgettable

1. Setting the Scene: Describe where you are and what the atmosphere is like on this chilly November evening. Mention the weather and the mood of the people around you. (3 marks)

2. The Discovery: Explain what you saw or heard regarding the plot. Who did you see, and what did you find in the cellars beneath the building? (4 marks)

3. Describing the Bonfire: Use sensory language to describe the fire. What colours can you see? How does the heat feel against your face? (3 marks)

4. Personal Feelings: How do you feel now that the danger has passed? Are you worried, relieved, or surprised? (2 marks)

5. Reflective Closing: Write a final sentence about how people might remember this night in the future. Will they celebrate it? (2 marks)

Extension challenge: Leo the Lion wants to write a poem about the night sky. Can you write a four-line poem using rhyming couplets that captures the sound of the fireworks and the light of the bonfire?