

Ellie's Great Fire of London Timeline Challenge

Learning objective: To chronologically order the key events of the Great Fire of London and understand its progression through the city.

Ellie the elephant is visiting the archives to piece together the events of 1666. Using the word bank provided, place the events in the correct chronological order (1-6) to show how the fire spread. For each event, write a short explanation of why it was a significant moment in the disaster.

Word bank: Pudding Lane · Strong Winds · Wooden Houses · Fire Breaks · St Paul's Cathedral · Rebuilding

1. 1. Where did the fire start on the 2nd of September, 1666? (1 mark)

2. 2. Why did the fire spread so quickly across the city? Consider the weather and the building materials used at the time. (2 marks)

3. 3. What drastic action did the King order to stop the fire from moving further? (1 mark)

4. 4. Why was the destruction of St Paul's Cathedral considered a major turning point in the fire? (2 marks)

5. 5. Following the disaster, how did the city change its building regulations to prevent another fire? (2 marks)

Draw: Draw a 'Before and After' sketch of a London street. Show the narrow, timber-framed houses huddled together before the fire, and a wider street with brick buildings after the fire.



Extension challenge: Research the architect Christopher Wren. Write a short diary entry from his perspective explaining his plans to rebuild the city and why he chose brick instead of wood.