

The History of Bonfire Night with Nova and Leo

Learning objective: To understand the historical origins of Bonfire Night and identify key events that led to the tradition observed on 5th November.

Leo the Lion has mixed up the events of the Gunpowder Plot! Use the 'Word Bank' to help you place the key historical events in the correct chronological order from 1 to 6. Once you have sequenced them, answer the questions to show your understanding of why this day is remembered.

Word bank: King James I · Guy Fawkes · Houses of Parliament · Gunpowder · Cellar · 5th November

1. 1. The group of conspirators decide to plot against the government. 2. _____ is caught guarding 36 barrels of _____ underneath the _____. 3. The plot is discovered before it can be carried out. 4. _____ is arrested for his role in the plan. 5. People light bonfires to celebrate the safety of _____. 6. The tradition of lighting fireworks continues every _____. (6 marks)

2. Why do you think the King's safety was considered so important to the people of 1605? (2 marks)

3. If a modern-day firework display costs £450 to organise for a village, and the village council raises £275, how much more money do they need to raise? (2 marks)

4. Nova the Owl asks: Why is it important that we learn about historical events like the Gunpowder Plot, even if they happened hundreds of years ago? (2 marks)

5. True or False: The Gunpowder Plot was a successful attempt to change the government in the 17th century. Explain your answer. (2 marks)

Draw: Draw a scene showing how a local community might celebrate Bonfire Night safely today, including a bright bonfire and colourful patterns in the night sky.



Extension challenge: Research one other historical event that is remembered annually in the UK. Write three sentences explaining why that specific event is still commemorated today.