

Nova's Bonfire Night Knowledge Quiz

Learning objective: To understand the historical origins, traditions, and safety aspects of Bonfire Night in the UK.

Read each question carefully. Use your knowledge of British history and customs to answer. Nova the owl is looking for brilliant scientists and historians to help her solve this puzzle!

Answer Key: 1. C (1605); 2. True; 3. Guy Fawkes; 4. B (To protect the King and Parliament); 5. False (It is a celebration of the plot failing); 6. Effigy; 7. True; 8. Sparklers; 9. November 5th; 10. B (Stay a safe distance away).

Word bank: Guy Fawkes · Gunpowder Plot · 1605 · Parliament · Fireworks · Safety · Effigy · Treason

1. 1. In what year did the Gunpowder Plot take place? A) 1505, B) 1550, C) 1605*, D) 1650 (1 mark)

2. 2. True or False: The Gunpowder Plot was an attempt to blow up the Houses of Parliament. (1 mark)

3. 3. What is the name of the man who was discovered guarding the gunpowder in the cellar? (1 mark)

4. 4. Why is Bonfire Night celebrated? A) To mark the start of winter, B) To celebrate the failure of the plot*, C) To honour the King's birthday, D) To welcome the harvest (1 mark)

5. 5. True or False: Bonfire Night is celebrated because the plot was a success. (1 mark)

6. 6. What do people sometimes burn on top of a bonfire, named after the main conspirator? (1 mark)

7. 7. True or False: It is tradition to eat toffee apples and parkin on Bonfire Night. (1 mark)

8. 8. Which handheld firework, often held by children, burns at a very high temperature? (1 mark)

9. 9. On which date is Bonfire Night celebrated every year? (1 mark)

10. 10. What is the most important rule for Bonfire Night? A) Wear bright colours, B) Keep a safe distance from fires and fireworks*, C) Sing loud songs, D) Bring a torch (1 mark)

Draw: Draw a scene of a safe Bonfire Night celebration. Include Nova the owl watching the night sky, a bright bonfire, and children wearing warm coats standing a safe distance away.



Extension challenge: Imagine you are a reporter in 1605. Write a short, formal diary entry (3-4 sentences) about how the city of London reacted when the plot was discovered.