

Bonfire Night Literacy Flashcards

Learning objective: To improve vocabulary and descriptive writing skills by exploring themes, historical context, and sensory language related to Bonfire Night.

Read the front of the card to test your knowledge or vocabulary. Flip the card mentally to check your answer. Use these terms to write a descriptive paragraph about a firework display.

What is the name of the historical event in 1605 that inspired Bonfire Night?

The Gunpowder Plot.

Define the word 'treason' as it relates to the history of the Gunpowder Plot.

The crime of betraying one's country or attempting to harm the monarch or government.

Which literary device uses words that imitate the sound they describe (e.g., 'bang', 'whizz', 'crackle')?

Onomatopoeia.

What is an 'effigy' in the context of traditional Bonfire Night celebrations?

A model or dummy of a person, traditionally representing Guy Fawkes, placed on top of the bonfire.

Use an adjective to describe the sky during a firework display.

Luminous, vibrant, dark, star-speckled, or kaleidoscopic.

Complete the phrase: 'Remember, remember the fifth of...'

November.

How would you describe the 'atmosphere' of a cold November night at a fireworks show?

Atmospheric (e.g., chilly, electric, bustling, or smoky).

What is the primary function of the Houses of Parliament?

It is the place where the government meets to make and change the laws of the country.

Provide a synonym for 'vibrant' when describing the colours of fireworks.

Bright, vivid, brilliant, or dazzling.

Identify the verb in this sentence: 'The rockets soared high into the night sky.'

Soared.

Why do we use the word 'commemorate' when talking about Bonfire Night?

To show respect or remember a historical event from the past.

If a box of sparklers costs £2.50, how much change would you get from a £5 note?

£2.50.