

Ellie's Social Studies / History Adventure: The Great Fire of London

Learning objective: To understand and depict how houses looked in London during the Great Fire of 1666.

Help Ellie the elephant learn about the past! Look at the word bank and the drawing prompt to create your own picture of a street in old London. Remember, the houses were made of wood and were very close together.

Draw: Draw a street scene from 1666. Include two tall, wobbly wooden houses that are leaning towards each other so the roofs almost touch. Draw a small, glowing orange fire on the ground floor of one house. In the background, draw the curvy River Thames. Keep the style simple and bold, using warm colours for the fire and brown for the wooden beams of the houses.



Label words: house · fire · river · wood · bucket

Steps:

1. Step 1: Draw two tall houses made of wood. Why do you think wood burns so easily?
2. Step 2: Draw a bucket of water near the houses. What was the river called that flows through London?
3. Step 3: Label the 'wood' on your houses using the word bank.

4. Step 4: Draw a bright orange flame showing where the fire started.
5. Step 5: How do we help stop fires today? (Hint: Think about our brave firefighters!)