

History and Traditions: Bonfire Night with Leo the Lion

Learning objective: To understand the historical origins of Bonfire Night (Guy Fawkes Night) and explore how it is celebrated in the UK today.

Read each question carefully. Use your knowledge of British history and local traditions to provide clear, thoughtful answers. Max and Leo are cheering you on!

Leo the Lion is writing a poem about the 5th of November. He remembers that it all began in 1605 with a plan to change the government, known as the Gunpowder Plot. Today, we light bonfires and watch fireworks to remember this event in British history. We must always think about firework safety and how we celebrate with our communities.

Word bank: Gunpowder Plot · 1605 · Parliament · Guy Fawkes · tradition · commemoration · safety · bonfire

1. Leo is researching the Gunpowder Plot. In which year did this historical event take place, and what was the main goal of the group involved? (2 marks)

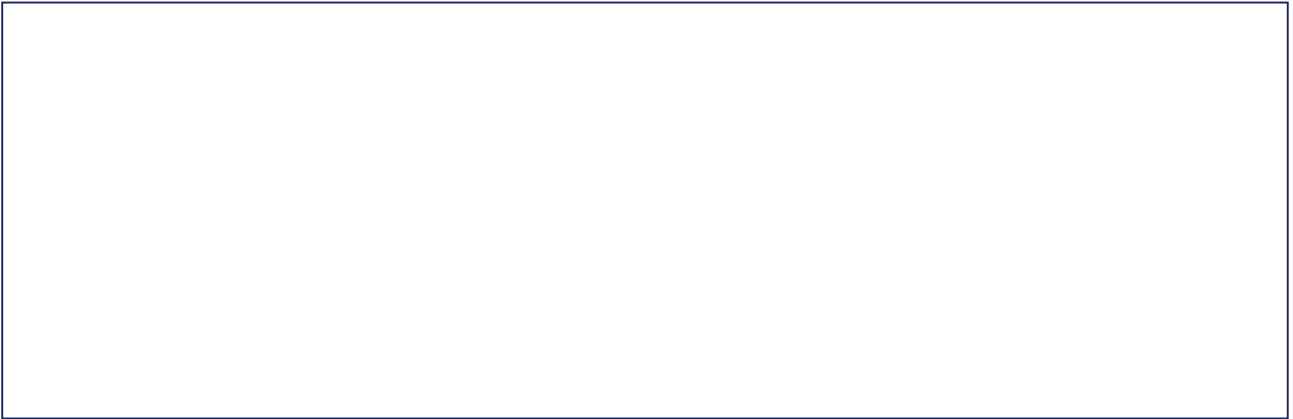
2. Why do you think we still celebrate Bonfire Night today? Explain the difference between a historical event and a modern tradition. (3 marks)

3. Max the monkey wants to calculate the cost of a community fireworks display. If a box of sparklers costs £4.50 and a pack of large fireworks costs £12.75, what is the total cost for these two items? (2 marks)

4. List three important safety rules that should be followed when attending a bonfire or fireworks display to keep everyone safe. (3 marks)

5. If you were organising a local celebration, how would you ensure the event is respectful of the history while being fun for the local community? (2 marks)

Draw: Draw a picture of a safe, organised community bonfire display at night. Include Leo the Lion wearing a warm hat and scarf watching the fireworks with his friends.



Extension challenge: Research the 'Firework Code'. Create a colourful poster for your classroom that highlights the top five safety tips to remember when handling sparklers or standing near a bonfire.