

Ellie's History Sketchbook: The Great Fire of London

Learning objective: To understand and visually represent the key features of the Great Fire of London in 1666.

Follow the steps below to create your historical scene. Look at the word bank to help you label your drawing. You can use your coloured pencils to show the bright colours of the fire and the dark colours of the night sky.

Draw: Draw a scene of a street in London during the year 1666. The style should be like a historical illustration. Include tall, narrow wooden houses leaning towards each other over a narrow street. Add bright orange and yellow flames to show the fire. In the background, draw the dark night sky and the River Thames flowing nearby. Keep the lines clear so you can add labels.



Label words: River Thames · wooden houses · flames · buckets · night sky · narrow street

Steps:

1. Step 1: Draw a row of narrow wooden houses. Label one house.
2. Step 2: Draw orange and yellow flames coming from the roof of a house.
3. Step 3: Draw the River Thames nearby. Label the river.
4. Step 4: Draw a person holding a bucket of water to help put out the fire.