

The Great Fire of London: History Flashcards

Learning objective: To recall key facts and understand the timeline and impact of the Great Fire of London (1666).

Use these flashcards to test your knowledge about the Great Fire of London. Read the question on the front, then flip to reveal the answer provided by Ellie the Elephant.

In what year did the Great Fire of London begin?

1666

Where did the fire start?

A bakery on Pudding Lane

Who kept a famous diary that tells us about the fire?

Samuel Pepys

Why did the fire spread so quickly through the city?

The houses were made of wood (timber) and were built very close together.

What was the main method used to stop the fire from spreading?

Creating firebreaks by blowing up houses to remove fuel.

Which famous London landmark was destroyed and later rebuilt by Christopher Wren?

St Paul's Cathedral

Where did many Londoners flee to escape the flames?

The River Thames

What was the weather like in London during the summer of 1666?

It had been a very hot and dry summer, which made the wooden buildings easy to burn.

What was a positive outcome of the fire regarding city planning?

New rules stated that houses had to be built from brick or stone instead of wood to prevent future fires.

How many days did the fire burn for?

Four days (from Sunday 2nd September to Wednesday 5th September)