

Bonfire Night: History and Traditions

Learning objective: To understand the historical origins of Bonfire Night and the traditions associated with Guy Fawkes and the Gunpowder Plot.

Read the front of each card to test your knowledge about the history of 5th November. Flip to see if you have the correct answer.

What is the historical event commemorated on 5th November?	Who was the monarch of England during the Gunpowder Plot?
The Gunpowder Plot of 1605.	King James I.
What was the main goal of the plotters?	Which famous plotter was caught guarding the explosives in the cellar?
To blow up the Houses of Parliament and replace the King.	Guy Fawkes.
What was found hidden in the cellars beneath the House of Lords?	What is an 'effigy' often burned on a bonfire?
36 barrels of gunpowder.	A model or dummy representing Guy Fawkes.
Why do we set off fireworks on 5th November?	What is the traditional rhyme that begins 'Remember, remember the fifth of November'?
To symbolise the explosives that were meant to be used in the plot.	The Gunpowder, treason and plot.
Why was the Gunpowder Plot considered an act of treason?	What are the common foods eaten at traditional Bonfire Night events?
Because it was a betrayal of the King and the state.	Toffee apples, parkin cake, and jacket potatoes.
What is the name of the legislative building the plotters wanted to destroy?	How do we celebrate Bonfire Night safely today?
The Houses of Parliament.	By following the Firework Code, standing back from bonfires, and attending organized displays.