

Social Studies / History Assessment: The Great Fire of London

Learning objective: To recall and explain key facts about the Great Fire of London (1666) and understand how it changed the city.

Read each question carefully. Use the word bank to help you spell tricky words. Write your answers clearly on the lines provided.

In the year 1666, a fire started in a small shop on Pudding Lane. Because the houses were made of wood and straw, the fire spread very quickly across the city of London. A man named Samuel Pepys wrote about what he saw in his diary. After the fire, people decided to build their new houses out of brick so they would be safer.

Word bank: Pudding Lane · bakery · 1666 · wood · straw · brick · Samuel Pepys · firefighters · river

1. In which year did the Great Fire of London start? (1 mark)

2. Where did the fire first begin? (1 mark)

3. Why did the fire spread so quickly? Give two reasons. (2 marks)

4. Who wrote a famous diary about the fire? (1 mark)

5. How were the new houses built after the fire to make them safer? Why was this a good idea? (3 marks)

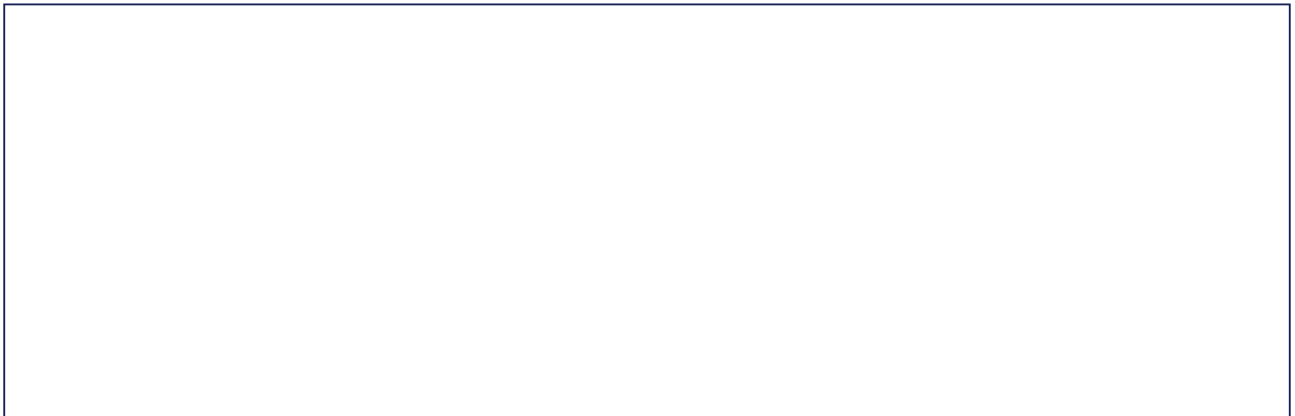
6. Imagine you are standing in London in 1666. Use your senses to describe what you might see, hear, or smell. Write a short diary entry. (5 marks)

7. If you had £5 to buy equipment for a 17th-century firefighter, and a bucket costs £2 and a water squirt costs £4, would you have enough money? Explain your maths. (4 marks)

8. Ellie the Elephant says, 'London changed a lot after the fire.' Do you agree? Explain why. (4 marks)

9. Why do we still remember the Great Fire of London today? (4 marks)

Draw: Draw a picture of a house made of wood next to a house made of brick. Label which one is safer in a fire.



Extension challenge: Total: /25