

The Great Fire of London: Social Studies / History Assessment

Learning objective: To show what you know about the causes, events, and impact of the Great Fire of London in 1666.

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

In September 1666, a fire started at a house on Pudding Lane. It was a very dry summer. The houses were made of wood and were built very close together. The fire spread quickly across London. It lasted for four days before it was finally put out.

Word bank: Pudding Lane · Bakery · 1666 · Wooden · Thames · Diary · Samuel Pepys

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

2. Where did the fire start? Use the word bank to help you. (1 mark)

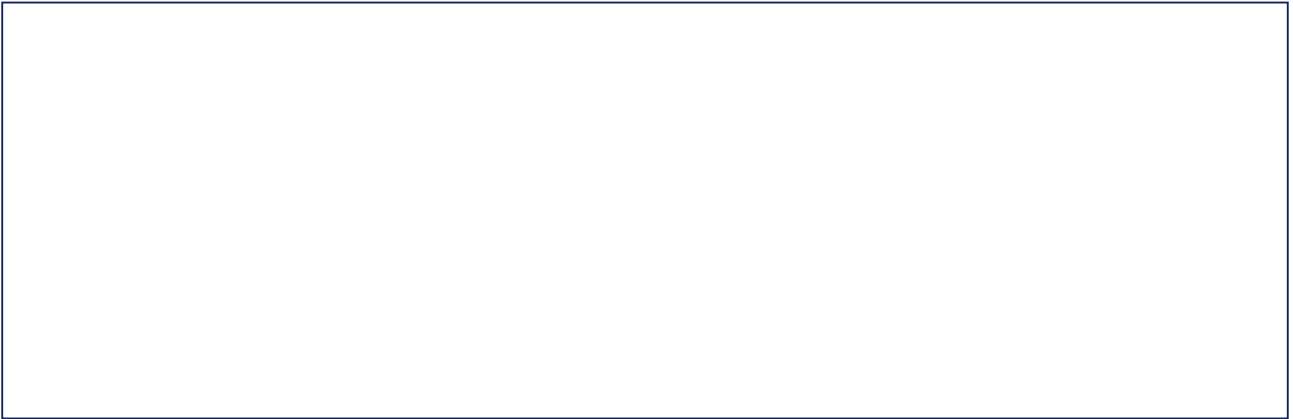
3. Why did the fire spread so quickly? (Hint: Think about what the houses were made of and how close they were). (3 marks)

4. Who wrote a famous diary about the fire? Use the word bank to help you. (2 marks)

5. How did people try to stop the fire? Give two ways. (4 marks)

6. Ellie the Elephant is learning about the past. Imagine you are living in London in 1666. Write a short diary entry (3-5 sentences) about what you can see and feel during the fire. (5 marks)

Draw: Draw a picture of what London looked like in 1666. Remember to draw the wooden houses and the river.



Extension challenge: Total: /25. Challenge: Why were the stone buildings built after the fire safer than the wooden ones?