

A Night to Remember: Bonfire Night Diary Entry

Learning objective: To use descriptive language, adverbial phrases, and emotive vocabulary to compose a recount of a historical celebration.

Imagine you are standing beside Nova the owl, watching the night sky illuminate with fireworks. Use this template to write a diary entry from the perspective of someone witnessing a 5th of November celebration. Focus on using ambitious adjectives and sensory details to bring your writing to life.

Word bank: incandescent · cacophony · silhouette · mesmerising · crackling · ember · spectacular · whizzing · glistening · anticipation

1. Setting the Scene: Describe the atmosphere at the bonfire. What can you see, hear, and smell? Use at least two sensory details. (3 marks)

2. The Fireworks Display: Choose three different fireworks. How would you describe their movement and colour using powerful verbs and adjectives? (4 marks)

3. Historical Reflection: Ellie the elephant wants to know why we celebrate this night. Briefly explain the significance of the 5th of November in your own words. (3 marks)

4. Justify your answer: Why do you think public celebrations like Bonfire Night remain popular in the UK today? Explain your reasoning. (4 marks)

5. Compare and contrast: How does the mood of the crowd change from the moment the bonfire is lit to the finale of the fireworks? Explain why this shift occurs. (4 marks)

6. What might happen if: Imagine the fireworks were silent instead of loud. How would this change the experience for the people watching? Justify your perspective. (4 marks)

Extension challenge: Compose a short, four-line poem in the style of Leo the lion to accompany your diary entry. Use an AABB or ABAB rhyme scheme and include at least one metaphor to describe the sparks flying into the night sky.