

Bonfire Night Literacy Flashcards

Learning objective: To understand the historical context and descriptive vocabulary associated with Bonfire Night.

Read the front of the card to test your knowledge of Guy Fawkes and Bonfire Night. Flip the card to check your answer against the definition provided.

What does the term 'Gunpowder Plot' refer to?

A failed attempt by a group of provincial English Catholics to blow up the House of Lords in 1605.

Define the word 'Treason'.

The crime of betraying one's country or attempting to overthrow the government.

What is an 'effigy' in the context of Bonfire Night?

A rough model or dummy of a person, often representing Guy Fawkes, which is traditionally burnt on a bonfire.

Explain the meaning of 'Commemorate'.

To recall and show respect for someone or something from the past.

Which historical building were the conspirators trying to destroy?

The Houses of Parliament in London.

What is a synonym for 'Atmospheric' when describing a night sky?

Evocative, mood-setting, or creating a particular feeling (e.g., mysterious, colourful, or vibrant).

Who was the monarch on the throne during the 1605 plot?

King James I.

How might you describe the sound of fireworks using an onomatopoeia?

Words like 'whizz', 'bang', 'crackle', or 'pop'.

What does the adjective 'Vibrant' mean when describing firework colours?

Bright, striking, and full of energy.

What is the date of Bonfire Night in the UK?

5th November.