

Ellie's History Journal: The Great Fire of London

Learning objective: To recount the events of the Great Fire of London using historical vocabulary and chronological order.

Read the opening sentence below. Use the questions to help you write your own story about what happened in 1666. Use the word bank to help you join your sentences together.

In the year 1666, a great fire started in a small bakery on Pudding Lane.

Word bank: first · then · next · suddenly · after that · finally · because · bakery · Pudding Lane · flames · wooden houses

1. How did the fire start and why did it spread so quickly to the wooden houses? Start your sentence with: The fire began when... (2 marks)

2. What did the people do to try and stop the fire? Start your sentence with: To stop the flames, the people... (2 marks)

3. How did the city look after the fire was finally put out? Start your sentence with: When the fire stopped, London was... (2 marks)

4. Why do we remember this event today? Start your sentence with: We remember the Great Fire because... (2 marks)

5. How do you think the people of London felt? Use the word 'because' in your answer. (2 marks)

Extension challenge: Imagine you were in London in 1666. Write one sentence about what you might see or hear if you were there.