Bonfire Night: A History and Celebration Assessment

Learning objective: To demonstrate an understanding of the historical significance of Bonfire Night, the traditions associated with it, and the importance of firework safety.

Read each question carefully and write your answers on the lines provided. Remember to use your best handwriting and full sentences where possible.

On the 5th of November, many people in the UK celebrate Bonfire Night. This tradition began after a historical event in 1605, when a group of people, including Guy Fawkes, tried to blow up the Houses of Parliament. The plan was discovered, and the King was kept safe. Today, we remember this night by lighting bonfires and watching colourful firework displays in the sky.

Word bank: Guy Fawkes · Parliament · Plot · Tradition · Safety · Sparklers · November · History

1. On which date do we celebrate Bonfire Night each year? (1 mark)

2. Who was one of the men involved in the 1605 plot to blow up Parliament? (1 mark)

3. Why do we have bonfires and fireworks today? Explain the reason behind the celebration. (3 marks)

4. Max the monkey wants to stay safe on Bonfire Night. List two important safety rules people should follow when using sparklers or watching fireworks. (4 marks)

5. Pip the caterpillar is writing a story about history. If you were planning a community Bonfire Night event, what three things would you include to make it a fun and safe celebration for everyone? Give reasons for your choices. (6 marks)

6. Imagine you are explaining Bonfire Night to someone who has never heard of it. Write a short paragraph (4-5 sentences) describing what happens and why it is an important part of our history. (10 marks)

Draw: Draw a picture of a night sky filled with colourful fireworks above a safe bonfire. Include Nova the owl watching the display from a tree branch.

Extension challenge: Total: /25