

Bonfire Night Traditions and History

Learning objective: To understand the historical origins of Bonfire Night (5th November) and identify how different communities celebrate this event safely today.

Read each question carefully and use your knowledge of Bonfire Night to provide clear, thoughtful answers. Refer to the word bank if you need help with key terminology.

Bonfire Night, held on the 5th of November, is a tradition that has been celebrated in Britain for hundreds of years. It marks the historical anniversary of the Gunpowder Plot of 1605, where a group of people attempted to cause damage to the Houses of Parliament. Today, the night is observed with community firework displays, bonfires, and seasonal food, focusing on safety and historical reflection.

Word bank: Guy Fawkes · Gunpowder Plot · Parliament · celebration · safety · tradition · fireworks · sparklers

1. Why is the 5th of November historically significant in British history? Explain what happened in 1605. (2 marks)

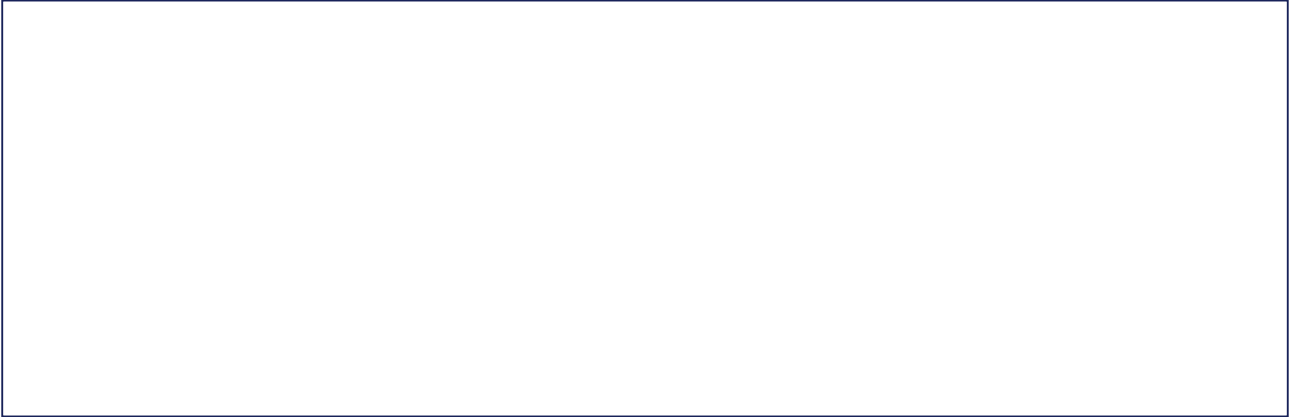
2. Max the monkey is planning a bonfire event. List three safety rules he should follow to keep everyone safe around the fire. (3 marks)

3. Zara the zebra notices patterns in the night sky. Describe why we use fireworks as part of this celebration today. (2 marks)

4. If a box of sparklers costs £4.50 and a bag of toffee apples costs £3.25, how much would it cost to buy both for a party? (2 marks)

5. Why do you think it is important for communities to come together to celebrate traditions like Bonfire Night? (2 marks)

Draw: Draw a scene of a safe Bonfire Night celebration. Include a bonfire, a starry sky, and people standing at a safe distance watching fireworks.



Extension challenge: Nova the owl wants to know about light pollution. Write two sentences about how fireworks affect the night sky and what we can do to protect local wildlife during celebrations.