

Bonfire Night Sparkle Quiz

Learning objective: To understand the historical context and traditions of Bonfire Night, also known as Guy Fawkes Night.

Join Max the monkey and Nova the owl to test your knowledge about the history and safety of Bonfire Night! Read each question carefully and write your answers clearly.

Answer Key: 1.C, 2.True, 3.1605, 4.A, 5.False, 6.Parliament, 7.A, 8.True, 9.Penny for the Guy, 10.B.

Background: Bonfire Night commemorates the failure of the Gunpowder Plot to blow up the Houses of Parliament in 1605. It is celebrated with fireworks and bonfires.

Word bank: Gunpowder Plot · Parliament · 1605 · Guy Fawkes · fireworks · safety · tradition · effigy

1. Which year did the Gunpowder Plot take place? A) 1066 B) 1588 C) 1605* D) 1945 (1 mark)

2. True or False: Bonfire Night is celebrated on the 5th of November every year. (1 mark)

3. Who was the man famously discovered guarding the gunpowder under the House of Lords? (1 word answer) (1 mark)

4. What were the plotters trying to destroy? A) Parliament* B) The Tower of London C) A local school D) Buckingham Palace (1 mark)

5. True or False: The plot was successful and the building was destroyed. (1 mark)

6. What do we call the model of a person sometimes placed on top of a bonfire? (1 word answer) (1 mark)

7. Why do we have fireworks? A) To represent the explosions that never happened* B) To scare away birds C) To celebrate the harvest D) To mark the start of spring (1 mark)

8. True or False: It is important to stand well back from lit fireworks for safety. (1 mark)

9. Historically, what phrase did children say when asking for money to make a model for the bonfire? (4 word answer) (1 mark)

10. Which of these is a traditional treat often eaten on Bonfire Night? A) Pancakes B) Toffee apples* C) Easter eggs D) Christmas pudding (1 mark)

Draw: Draw a picture of Nova the owl and Max the monkey watching a colourful firework display safely from behind a garden fence.



Extension challenge: Imagine you are a reporter in 1605. Write a short diary entry explaining why the King was lucky that the plot was discovered before it could be carried out.