

Bonfire Night: History and Celebration Fact-File

Learning objective: To understand the historical origins of Bonfire Night and the significance of the 5th of November in British history.

Use this fact-file to organise your research about Bonfire Night. Think about the historical events of 1605, the traditions we follow today, and the safety rules we must remember. You can use your history books or library resources to help you fill in each section.

Word bank: Parliament · Guy Fawkes · Gunpowder Plot · tradition · commemoration · safety · fireworks · sparklers · seventeenth century

1. Historical Context: Who was the main figure involved in the Gunpowder Plot, and what was the group's goal in 1605? (3 marks)

2. The Reason for the Event: Explain why people in Britain continue to light bonfires and set off fireworks on the 5th of November. (3 marks)

3. Modern Traditions: List three common foods or activities that people often enjoy during a modern Bonfire Night celebration. (2 marks)

4. Safety First: Nova the Owl wants everyone to stay safe. List three important safety rules to follow when using sparklers or attending a bonfire. (3 marks)

5. Personal Reflection: If you were organising a community bonfire event, what would be the most important thing to include to make sure it is both fun and safe? (2 marks)

Extension challenge: Imagine you are a reporter in 1605. Write a short, formal news update (no more than 100 words) describing the discovery of the plot at the Houses of Parliament.