

Bonfire Night: History and Traditions

Learning objective: To understand the historical origins of Bonfire Night, its significance in British culture, and the importance of safety during celebrations.

Read each question carefully and use your historical knowledge to provide detailed answers. Think about the events of 1605 and why we still mark this date today.

This worksheet focuses on the historical context and modern practice of Bonfire Night. Use your knowledge from class to answer the questions below.

Word bank: Guy Fawkes · Parliament · Gunpowder Plot · tradition · commemoration · firework safety · King James I

1. Explain who Guy Fawkes was and describe his role in the events of 1605. (2 marks)

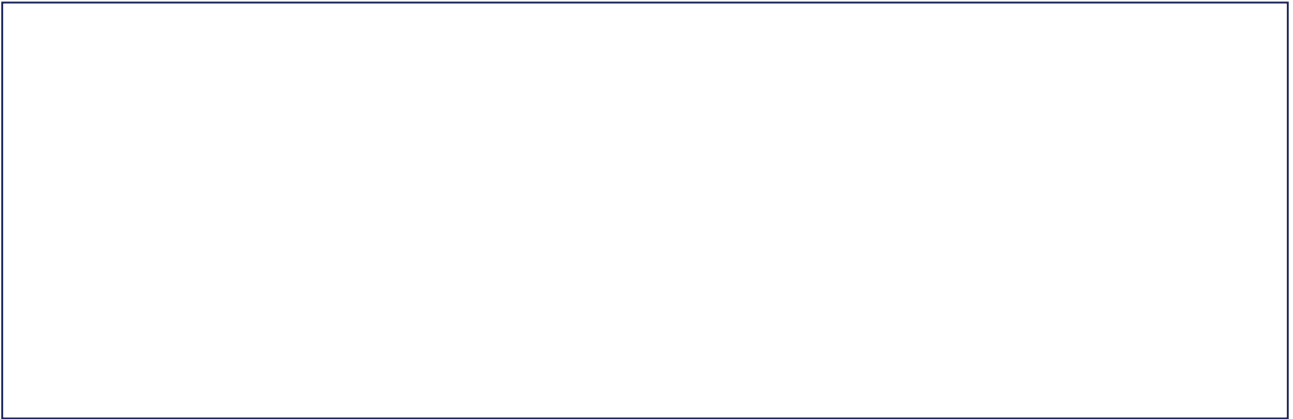
2. Why was the 'Gunpowder Plot' considered a significant threat to the government at that time? (2 marks)

3. Max the monkey is calculating the cost of a community fireworks display. If a pack of sparklers costs £4.50 and a box of safety goggles costs £2.75, how much would it cost to buy two packs of sparklers and one box of goggles? (2 marks)

4. Bonfire Night is a long-standing tradition. Why do you think it is important for communities to remember historical events like this, even hundreds of years later? (3 marks)

5. List three important firework safety rules that people should follow to keep safe during public displays. (3 marks)

Draw: Draw a scene showing a safe Bonfire Night celebration. Include Nova the owl watching the colourful display from a tree and a 'Safety First' sign nearby.



Extension challenge: Research the 'Gunpowder Plot' further. Write a short diary entry from the perspective of a person living in London in 1605, describing how they might have felt when they heard the plot had been discovered.