Bonfire Night: A History and Traditions Assessment

Learning objective: To demonstrate knowledge of the historical context, traditions, and significance of Bonfire Night in the UK.

Read each question carefully. Use the word bank if you need help. Write your answers in the boxes provided.

Bonfire Night is celebrated on the 5th of November every year in the United Kingdom. It remembers the Gunpowder Plot of 1605. A group of people wanted to change the government by blowing up the Houses of Parliament. They were stopped before they could do it. Today, people light bonfires and set off fireworks to celebrate that the plan failed.

Word bank: Guy Fawkes · Parliament · Gunpowder Plot · Fireworks · Tradition · Safety · November

1. 1. On which date is Bonfire Night celebrated each year? (1 mark)

2. 2. Who was the man caught guarding the barrels of gunpowder under the Houses of Parliament? (2 marks)

3. 3. Why do people set off fireworks on Bonfire Night? (Use the passage to help you). (3 marks)

4. 4. List two ways that people stay safe during Bonfire Night celebrations. (4 marks)

5. 5. Imagine you are at a Bonfire Night party. Write a short paragraph (3-4 sentences) describing what you see, hear, and feel. Think about the bright colours and the loud noises. (5 marks)

Draw: Draw a picture of a firework in the night sky. Use bright colours to show the patterns.

Extension challenge: Max the monkey wants to know the cost of the party! If a pack of sparklers costs £4.50 and a bag of toffee apples costs £3.50, what is the total cost? Show your working out. Total: /25