

Key Vocabulary

The Gunpowder Plot	A plot to blow up the Houses of Parliament to kill King James I and his government.
Catholics	Members of the Catholic church.
Protestants	Christians who are not Catholic.
Houses of Parliament	The building in London where the government works.
Gunpowder	An explosive powder that was used in guns.

Key People



Guy Fawkes



Robert Catesby



Thomas Percy



King James I

Key Events and Facts

What was the Gunpowder Plot?	The Gunpowder Plot was a plot to kill King James I and his government by blowing up the Houses of Parliament.
Who was involved in the plot?	Robert Catesby, Guy Fawkes, Thomas Percy, and five of their friends were involved.
Why were they plotting?	Under the rule of James I, Catholics were treated unfairly. The plotters were all Catholic and wanted King James removed from the throne.
How was the plot stopped?	A letter was sent to Lord Monteagle, who was due to go to the Houses of Parliament, warning him of the plot. He told the king, who sent guards to search the cellars. They found Guy Fawkes and gunpowder.
Why do we celebrate Bonfire Night?	King James I ordered that people should celebrate his survival on the 5th November. To this day, people still light bonfires and burn 'guys' (puppets made of straw, named after Guy Fawkes) to celebrate.

Bonfire Night

The Gunpowder Plot is remembered every year on 5th November.

People light bonfires and set off fireworks.



Key Facts

What was the Gunpowder Plot?

The Gunpowder Plot was a plot to kill King James I and his government by blowing up the Houses of Parliament.

Why was there a plot?

The plotters were all Catholic. They thought that King James I was being unfair to Catholics because he was a

Did the plot succeed?

The plot failed. Guy Fawkes was found with gunpowder in

Key Facts



Timeline of Events

24th March 1603

King James I becomes King of England.

March 1605

The plotters rent a cellar under the Houses of Parliament.

26th October 1605

Lord Monteague, who is a Catholic, receives an unsigned letter that warns him not to go to the opening of Parliament on the 5th November.

13th April 1570

Guy Fawkes is born.

May 1604

The group begin to plot against King James I.

5th November 1605

Guy Fawkes is found in the cellar with 36 barrels of gunpowder by the king's guards

31st January 1606

Guy Fawkes is executed.