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- I can put the events of the Gunpowder Plot into the correct order.
- I can create my own booklet of the story of the Gunpowder Plot.

What Can you Remember?

What do we know so far about the Gunpowder Plot?

Questions

1. What year did this happen?
2. What did they want to do? Why?
3. Who was the gunpowder expert?
4. What happened a few days before they were about to carry out their plot?
5. Who was the ringleader?

The Gunpowder Plot

Let's find out the full story...



In 1605, King James I was the King of England. However, some people did not like him as, under his rule, England was a Protestant country and some people were Catholic.

A man called Guy Fawkes and his friends plotted to blow up the Houses of Parliament with the King and his government inside.

They decided to use gunpowder to blow up Parliament underneath the King's chair. Their plan was to cause an enormous explosion!

The plotters moved thirty six barrels of gunpowder into the cellar of the Houses of Parliament, ready for when the King was there on November 5th.

A few days before the plotters were ready to carry out their plan, a mysterious stranger gave a letter to Lord Monteagle, who was the brother-in-law of one of the plotters. It warned him not to go to Parliament on November 5th, as something very bad was to happen!



Lord Monteagle showed his letter to the King, who decided to take it seriously. On the morning of 5th November, the King's guards searched the cellar and found Guy Fawkes hiding with the many barrels of gunpowder!

Guy Fawkes was tortured until he confessed to trying to blow up the Houses of Parliament, the King and his government. He was executed!



The King decided that on the 5th November every year, from that day, we would remember the Gunpowder Plot and how Guy Fawkes' plan failed!

Every year we burn bonfires and put a model of Guy Fawkes on top. We light fireworks and sparklers and celebrate the failure of the Gunpowder Plot.



The Events of the Gunpowder Plot

What are the key points that you can remember?

Questions

1. Who was involved?
2. Why did they want to carry out their plan?
3. How were they going to do it?
4. How did King James find out about it?
5. What happened to Guy Fawkes?
6. What did the King decide to do to remember November 5th?

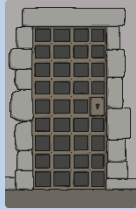
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Can you put the events in the correct order?

James I was crowned King of England.



All the plotters were caught and imprisoned.



They hid gunpowder under the Houses of Parliament.



Lord Monteagle received a letter, telling him that something bad was going to happen and he should not go to Parliament on 5th November.



The King's men stopped the plot. Guy Fawkes was captured.



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Check your booklets. Are they in the right order?

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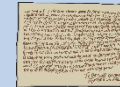
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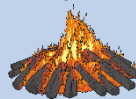
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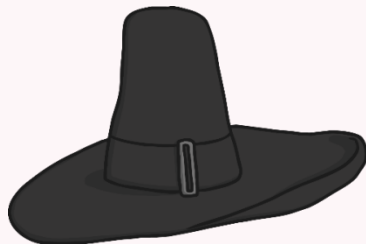
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Quick Quiz:

Who were the plotters planning to kill?

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A Queen Elizabeth

B Guy Fawkes

C King James I

Quick Quiz:

Who was chosen for the plot because they knew how to work with gunpowder?

Success Criteria

- A Queen Elizabeth
- B Guy Fawkes
- C King James I

Quick Quiz:

Which of the plotters were a bodyguard for the king?

Success Criteria

- A Thomas Percy
- B Guy Fawkes
- C King James I

Quick Quiz:

Who was the leader of the gunpowder plot?

Success Criteria

- A Thomas Percy
- B Guy Fawkes
- C Robert Catesby

Quick Quiz:

Why did the plotters want to get rid of King James and his government?

Success Criteria

- A They treated Protestants unfairly
- B They treated everyone unfairly
- C They treated Catholics unfairly