

The Gunpowder Plot

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 Montague, 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.

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