Year 2

History

Guy Fawkes - gunpowder plot

Knowledge Organiser

Historical summary

The conspirators rented a cellar beneath the House of Lords, they had legal access, in which they stockpiled barrels of gunpowder. Guy Fawkes was given the job of guarding it.

They hoped to replace the king with a leader who supported the catholic religion. However, on 5 November 1605, James received an anonymous letter telling him about the plot and Guy Fawkes was discovered in the cellar. Fawkes received the death penalty. Other plotters escaped execution.

Key facts	Key people
Guy Fawkes Night has been an annual commemora-	Guy Fawkes, Robert Gatsby
tion since 5 November 1605. Guy Fawkes was actually called Guido his Spanish	King James , Thomas Wintour
name.	Jack Wright, Thomas Percy
We remember him, he was not the ringleader. The	Robert Keyes, Robert Wintour
ringleader was Robert Gatsby	John Grant, Kit Wright
Guy Fawkes was one of 13 conspirators who planned to assassinate Protestant King James I	Thomas Bates, Ambrose Rookwood
	Francis Tresham, Sir Everard Digby
Guy Fawkes was the only one to be executed.	Transis Tresnam, on Everara Digby

Important questions

What does the word conspirator mean?

What went wrong with the plot?

Is it wrong to burn a Guy on a bonfire?

What was it that guy Fawkes did that means Guys are burnt on the bonfire?

Vocabulary	
Night	the period from sunset to sunrise
Bonfire	a large open-air fire
Bonfire night	5th November to commemorating the failure of the gunpowder plot
Firework	a device containing gunpowder used for displays
Annual	Every year
Event	A planned public or social occasion
Unlawful	not conforming to law or rules
Harmful	causing or likely to cause harm
Assassinate	Kill for political reasons
Parliament	The highest law the house of lords and commons
House of lords	shares the task of making and shaping laws
Rent	a tenant's regular payment to a landlord
Cellar	a room below ground level of a building
Stockpile	stock of goods or materials
Gunpowder	an explosive powdered mixture
Guard	watch over in order to protect or control
Catholic	Roman Catholic faith/religion
Protestant	Western Christian Churches/religion
Plot	a plan made in secret by a group of people
Arrested	Legally seize someone to take them into custody

What I should know by the end of this unit.

Explain events leading up to 5th November and who was involved.

Explain why we remember this date?

Be able to describe why someone may be remember in history.

Discuss whether or not they believe it was fair on Guy Fawkes.