

**Important 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 celebrated his survival on the 5<sup>th</sup> November. To this day, people still light bonfires and burn 'guys' (puppets made of straw, named after Guy Fawkes) to celebrate.

**Key People**



 **Guy Fawkes**  
 **Robert Catesby**  
 **Thomas Percy**  
 **King James I**



Remember, remember poem.....

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The Gunpowder Treason and plot;  
I see no reason why Gunpowder Treason  
Should ever be forgot

**Key Vocabulary**

Bonfire	A large fire	
Catholics	Members of the Catholic Church, a branch of Christianity	
Christians	People who follow the Christian religion	
Conspirators	People who are plotting together	
Effigy	A model or sculpture of a specific person	
Firework	A bright and colourful explosion	
Government	A group of people that can pass laws to govern the UK	
Houses of Parliament	Building in London, where the government meets	
Plot	A secret plan to do something harmful to others	
Protestant	Members of the Protestant Church	
Treason	Carrying out a crime against a country, monarch or government	

**Timeline**

