

THE GUNPOWDER PLOT

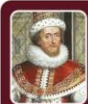
Vocabulary

Plot: A secret plan **Ringleader:** a person in charge of an illegal activity. **Gunpowder:** An explosive powder
Catholics: Members of the Catholic Church. **Protestants:** Christians who are not Catholics. **Houses of Parliament:** The building in London where the government works.

Key People



Guy Fawkes
Gunpowder Expert



King James I
King of England



Thomas Percy
King's Bodyguard



Robert Catesby
The Ringleader

Key Information

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

Who was involved? Robert Catesby, Guy Fawkes, Thomas Percy and five of their friends.

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 warning letter was sent to a man called Lord Monteagle, who was due to go to the Houses of Parliament. He told the King who sent his guards to search the cellars.

Why do we celebrate Bonfire Night? King James ordered that people should celebrate his survival on the 5th November.

Timeline of Events

13th April 1570 Guy Fawkes is born	24th March 1603 King James I becomes King of England	May 1604 The group begin to plot against King James I	March 1605 The plotters rent a cellar under the Houses of Parliament	26th October 1605 Lord Monteagle receives a letter telling him not to go to Parliament on 5 th November	5th November 1605 Guy Fawkes is found in the cellar with 36 barrels of gunpowder	31st January 1606 Guy Fawkes is executed.
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