



Vocabulary

Key Vocabulary	Definition
Chronological	Following the order in which they occurred.
Diary	A book in which one keeps a daily record of events and experiences.
Experts	A person who is very knowledgeable about or skilful in a particular area.
Historian	An expert of history.

London's Burning

Key Questions

When and where did the fire start?

Why did the fire spread so quickly?

How and when was the fire put out?

Key Individual- Samuel Pepys 1633—1703



Key Facts
The Great Fire of London was a major fire that happened in London from Sunday 2nd September to Thursday 6th September 1666.
The fire destroyed: 13200 houses (the homes of 70,000 people); 87 churches; St. Paul's Cathedral;
The fire started in a bakery on Pudding Lane. A spark from the oven set the fire going.
Only 6 deaths were reported:
In 1666, the buildings in London were made of wood and straw and they were very close together, making it easy for the flames to spread. It had also been a dry summer, so the buildings were dry. Strong winds were blowing, which helped the flames to spread.
People used leather buckets and water squirts to try to put the fire out, but these did not work. Later in the week, King Charles II ordered buildings to be pulled down to stop the flames from spreading.
Samuel Pepys worked for the British government and navy
Pepys recorded, in a diary, the ways people escaped the fire.
When Pepys felt he was in danger, he buried a parmesan cheese from Italy because it was expensive.



Timeline

