



Y2 Thinking like a historian
Significant Events of the Past

Key Knowledge:

The Gunpowder Plot

- The Gunpowder Plot happened in 1605
- Guy Fawkes was a gunpowder expert who helped smuggle 36 barrels of gunpowder into the Houses of Parliament.
- A letter was received warning the King of the plot. Guy Fawkes was found and executed for the crime.

The Great Fire of London

- The Great Fire of London happened in 1666.
- The Great Fire of London started in a baker's shop on Pudding Lane.
- King Charles II was the reigning monarch.
- The fire changed how towns were built to keep people safe.
- Samuel Pepys wrote a detailed diary about the Great Fire.

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Learning Questions

- Who was Guy Fawkes?
- What was the Gunpowder Plot, and who was involved?
- How is the Gunpowder Plot remembered?
- How can we work out why the Great Fire started?
- What happened during the Great Fire and how do we know?
- Why did the Great Fire burn down so many houses?
- Could more have been done to slow the spread of the fire?
- How did people manage to live through the Great Fire?
- How shall we rebuild London after the Great Fire?

Vocabulary

	gunpowder		fire
	London		bakery
	Houses of Parliament		city
	Bonfire		King
	firework		River Thames