



gunpowder

**Facts for Life**

1. The Gunpowder Plot was a plot to kill King James I and his government by blowing up the Houses of Parliament. It happened in 1605.
2. The plotters were all Catholic. They thought that King James I was being unfair to Catholics because he was a Protestant. They did not want him to be king anymore.
3. The plot failed. Guy Fawkes was found with gunpowder in the cellar at the Houses of Parliament. The Gunpowder plot is remembered every year on 5<sup>th</sup> November when people light bonfires and set off fireworks.

**Key Vocabulary**

<b>The Gunpowder Plot</b>	A plot to blow up the Houses of Parliament to kill King James I and his government.
<b>Catholics</b>	Members of the Catholic church.
<b>Protestants</b>	Christians who are not Catholic.
<b>Houses of Parliament</b>	The building in London where the government works.
<b>Gunpowder</b>	An explosive powder that was used in guns.

**The Plotters Planning the Gunpowder Plot**

Houses of Parliament

**24th March 1603**

King James I becomes King of England.

**May 1604**

The group begin to plot against King James I.

**Timeline of Events****13th April 1570**

Guy Fawkes is born.

**March 1605**

The plotters rent a cellar under the Houses of Parliament.

**26th October 1605**Lord Montague, who is a Catholic, receives an unsigned letter that warns him not to go to the opening of Parliament on the **5<sup>th</sup> November**.**5th November 1605**

Guy Fawkes is found in the cellar with 36 barrels of gunpowder by the king's guards.

**31st January 1606**

Guy Fawkes is executed.