

Guy Fawkes Night

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1. Read

Remember, remember the 5th of November... says the famous rhyme.

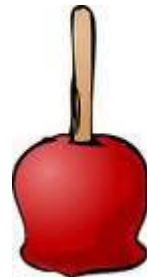
Why? Because on the 5th of November in 1605 a group of Roman Catholics tried to blow up the Houses of Parliament in London. The men hid in the building and then Guy Fawkes waited. Fawkes was waiting to start the explosion when the guards found him. The guards took Guy Fawkes to prison. He stayed in there for many days and then the King ordered the guards to kill Guy Fawkes. The Houses of Parliament were safe. Every year, on the same day, we celebrate this fact.

Friends and family have a bonfire party outside with fireworks. They put an effigy of Guy Fawkes on the bonfire and watch him burn. People eat toffee apples and treacle toffee too. It is very cold outside in November but people use lots of clothes to keep warm; they even give Guy Fawkes a hat and scarf too!

Glossary



treacle toffee



toffee apple

2. Write true or false.

- A group of Roman Catholics blew up the Houses of Parliament in 1605.
- The men used guns.
- The guards stopped Guy Fawkes.
- People have bonfire parties with friends and family.
- They burn an effigy of Guy Fawkes.
- It is very hot at bonfire parties.

3. Complete this profile for Guy Fawkes. Use the internet to find the information you need.

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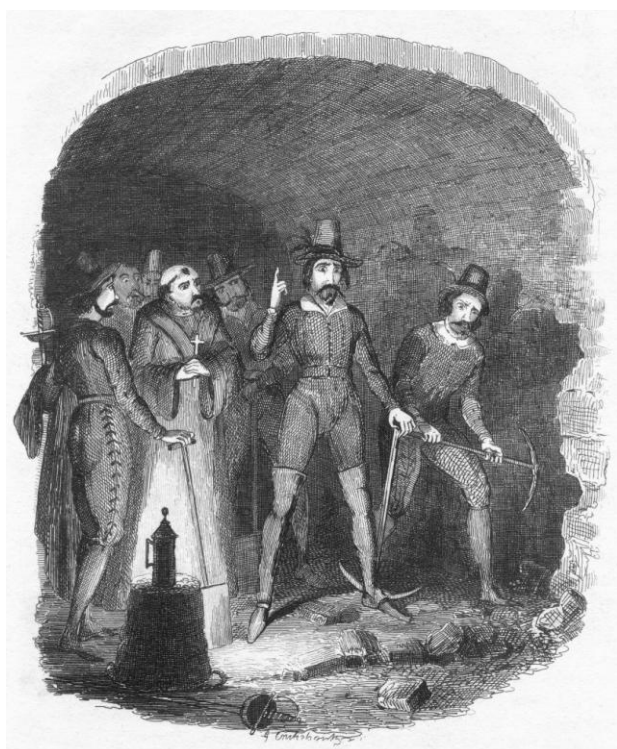
Age:

Place of birth:

Nationality:

Job:

Died:



Teacher's Notes

2. True or false: a. false b. false c. true d. true e. true f. false

3. Profile for Guy Fawkes:

Name: Guy Fawkes

Date of birth: 13th April 1570

Place of birth: York

Nationality: British

Job: Soldier

Died: Executed in 1606