Short Read

Guy Fawkes: Remember, Remember the 5th November!

Reflective ★ Reading

Who was Guy Fawkes?

Guy (Guido) Fawkes led the Gunpowder Plot in 1605. It was a plan was to blow up King James I and his government. Guido and his group put 36 barrels of gunpowder in cellars under the Houses of Parliament. They got ready to set off a massive explosion.

What happened?

One member of the group sent a letter to his friend in Parliament. He warned him to stay away on 5th November. The King's supporters got hold of the letter and the plot was rumbled. Guards broke into the cellars where the gunpowder plotters were waiting. They were arrested, tortured and executed.

Why did they do it?

The gunpowder plot was about religion. England was a Protestant country and the plotters were Catholic. The group wanted to return England to the Catholic faith. They thought they could do this by killing King James I and his ministers.

The Fireworks Code—Be Safe, Not Sorry

◊ Keep fireworks in a closed box
◊ Follow the instructions on each firework
◊ Light all fireworks at arms length
◊ Stand well back
◊ Never go back to a lit firework
◊ Never put fireworks in your pocket
◊ Never throw fireworks
◊ Keep Pets indoors

Firework Safety: Should they be banned?

Tom, 13, from Worcester in England was blinded in one eye last year when a firework went off in his face.

He thinks banning them is a good idea.

What do you think?

Discuss it in your group.

TEXTPLORERS

Read and Understand

What did Guy Fawkes do?

Why did Guy Fawkes try to blow up the Houses of Parliament?

Infer What's Not There

Where are the Houses of Parliament? Who works there now?

What happened to Guy Fawkes?

Reflect and Respond

What type of person do you think Guy Fawkes was?

Which bit of the Firework Code is the most important for children? Discuss.

Reflect and Respond

'Fireworks are dangerous—they should be banned!'

What do you think? Do you agree / disagree? Why?

Big Talk

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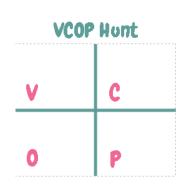
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How do you celebrate Bonfire Night?

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Big Talk

Can you think of other times fireworks are used to celebrate?

Explore Some More

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Explore Some More

The plot was 'rumbled'. Can you explain what this means?

Find two other tricky words in the text and discuss their meaning.

Create Something Great

Design an eye-catching, clear and informative poster about how to keep safe on Bonfire Night.

Use the Firework Code to help you. You may wish to focus on one part of the code.