

History Year 7 Summer Term 2 'Knowledge Organiser': Gunpowder Plot.



Summary:

In 1605 there was a plot to blow up Parliament and the King, James I. It was planned by a group of Catholics who wanted to see a return to the Catholic Religion because they were being persecuted for their religious beliefs.



Timeline:

1603	James VI of Scotland crowned King of England.
Jan 1604	Robert Catesby began planning the plot.
April 1604	Guy Fawkes arrived in England, recruited by Catesby.
Feb 1605	Gunpowder smuggled into Westminster
Oct 1605	Lord Monteagle received a warning letter. He took it to the King.
Nov 1605	King James I ordered an investigation into the letter. The cellar under Parliament was searched. Guy Fawkes arrested. Catesby and his plotters fled before being arrested.
Jan 1606	Trial and execution.

Key Words.

Catholic	People who supported the Catholic religion, headed by the Pope.
Conspiracy	The act of plotting together to create a secret plan.
Conspirators	The people who plot together.
Effigy	Model of a specific person. Often burnt as an act of protest.
Houses of Parliament	Made up of the House of Commons and the Lords. Opened officially every year by the King.
Parliament	It is responsible for making laws, deciding taxes and scrutinising the Government.
Protestant	Member of the Protestant Church (Monarchy head of Church)
Rack	Method of torture used by Cecil, stretched the body.
State Opening	Ceremony to mark the opening of Parliament, marking the new parliamentary year.
Torture	Deliberately inflicting pain on someone
Treason	Act of plotting, or carrying out, a crime against the state or monarch.

Key people.

Robert Catesby	Leader of the Catholic Conspirators
Thomas Percy	Supporter of the conspirators and provided money.
Guy Fawkes	Catholic, explosives expert.
Lord Monteagle	MP, loyal to the King but cousin to Francis Tresham
James I	King of England
Robert Cecil	Secretary of State and Chief advisor to James I

Concept: Perspectives