



History

The Great Fire of London



Key Vocabulary

Fire		Fire safety technique	
London		Christopher Wren	
City		Past/Present	
Nation		Chronology	
History		Five Senses	
Events		Tudor	
Samuel Peps		Bakery	
Artefacts		United Kingdom	
Compass directions		Countries	



Did you know?

Nearly 9 million people live in London, the exact number recorded from the last census is 8,908,081 (2018)

London is the capital and largest city of England and the United Kingdom. Standing on the River Thames in the South-East of England, at the head of its 50-mile (80 km) estuary (where the tide meets the stream) leading into the North Sea.



Did you know? The Underground is the world's first underground passenger railway, opened in January 1863. The network has expanded to 11 lines and in 2017/18 carried 1.357 billion passengers, making it the world's 12th busiest metro system. The 11 lines collectively handle up to **5 million passengers a day**.

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The Great Fire of London swept through the central parts of the English city from Sunday, 2nd September to Thursday, 6th September 1666.



The fire lasted four days, and burned down over 13,000 homes.

Significant People

Samuel Pepys (23rd February 1633 - 26th May 1703) was an administrator of the navy in England and Member of Parliament who is most famous for the diary he kept for a decade covering The Plague and The Great Fire.



Did you know?

The Great Fire started at the bakery (or baker's house) of Thomas Farrinor (or Farynror) on Pudding Lane shortly after midnight on Sunday, 2nd September, and spread rapidly west across the City of London.

Significant People

Sir Christopher Wren (30th October 1632 - 8th March 1723) was an English anatomist (expert in the body), astronomer (expert in space knowledge), geometer (knowledge of land and countries), and mathematician-physicist, as well as one of the most highly acclaimed English architects (designer and builder) in history.



He had responsibility for rebuilding 52 churches in the City of London after the Great Fire in 1666.

More than 70,000 people were made homeless.



People had to live in tents because their houses had been burnt down.



People used leather buckets, metal hooks and water squirter to put out the fire.

Monday 3rd September 1666
The fire gets very close to the Tower of London.

Tuesday 4th September 1666
St Paul's Cathedral is destroyed by the fire.

Timeline of Events

Sunday 2nd September 1666
The fire starts at 1 a.m.
Mid-morning: Samuel Pepys starts to write about the fire in his **diary**.

Wednesday 5th September 1666
The wind dies down and the fire spreads more slowly.

Thursday 6th September 1666
The fire is finally put out.
Thousands of people are left homeless.

