



The Gunpowder Plot

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long time ago, in the year 1605, when James I was monarch of England, the people of England were not content. There was a gruesome plot to blow up the king.





James's head was rather immense and his tongue seemed much larger than his mouth. He was a man who studied a great deal and could speak well and say witty things, but he did not behave with dignity. The English did not think this was fitting for a king. James was also dirty and very untidy in his dressing.

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Many Catholics were displeased with the way King James I ruled. He was strict with the law Queen Elizabeth established: everyone was to worship in the Church of England. This offended those who were Catholic.



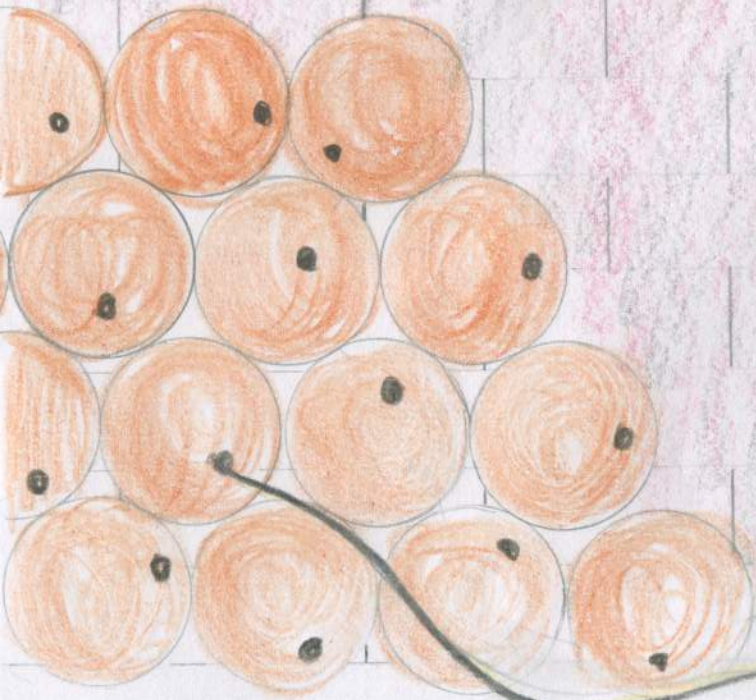
Catholics wished to worship their own way. They did not wish to follow the rules of King James. One man, Robert Catesby, planned to get rid of the king.



Several other Catholic men joined Robert in pursuit of a plan. Together three Thomases, two Johns, two Roberts, one Ambrose, one Everard, one Francis and one Guy all plotted and planned.

They located a cellar below the House of Lords, the place where the king met with his staff. They began to fill it with barrels of





On November 5th Robert and his followers were set to ignite the 36 barrels of gunpowder. The king and his parliament would be no more.



Their plans were not as secret as they had hoped. Somehow the plan was uncovered. On the evening of November 4th, while Guy stood guard over the gunpowder, soldiers came marching down into the cellar. There they found Guy Fawkes.



Soon they had Guy in a prison. After torturing him for information, they captured the remaining plotters. A just punishment was awaiting them. It was a sad day.

November

Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
1	2	3	4	5 Guy Fawkes Day!	6	7
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To this day, in England, November 5th is remembered as Guy Fawkes Day: the day the dreadful plot failed.