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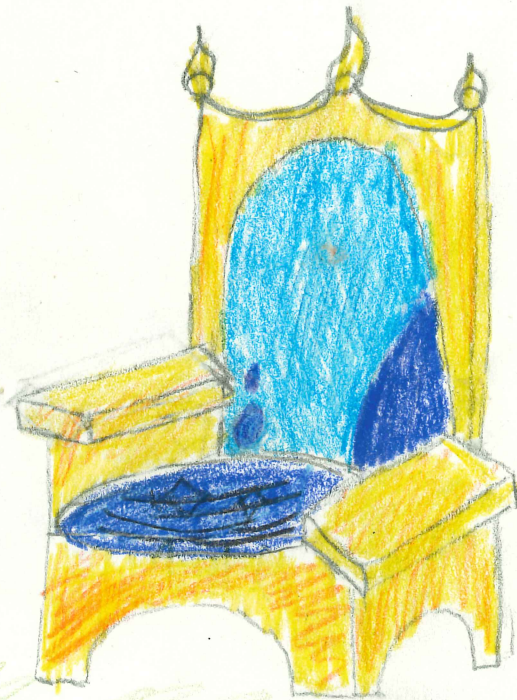
Gunpowder



Plot



If you live in England you may know why November the 5th is important, but if you do not let me tell you. For many decades in England, Catholics had been treated



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YA new king



After the death of Queen Elizabeth I in 1603, Catholics were hopeful that the new king, James I, would be more tolerant towards Catholics. This proved to be untrue and Catholics were again forced to practice their faith in



In 1605 a group of Catholics
had had enough. They conspired to kill
the king and his family and overthrow the
government.

Guy Fawkes and a group of men
thought they should blow up
the House of Lords when the king
and his family were there during the State
Opening of Parliament!

What they thought
they should do...



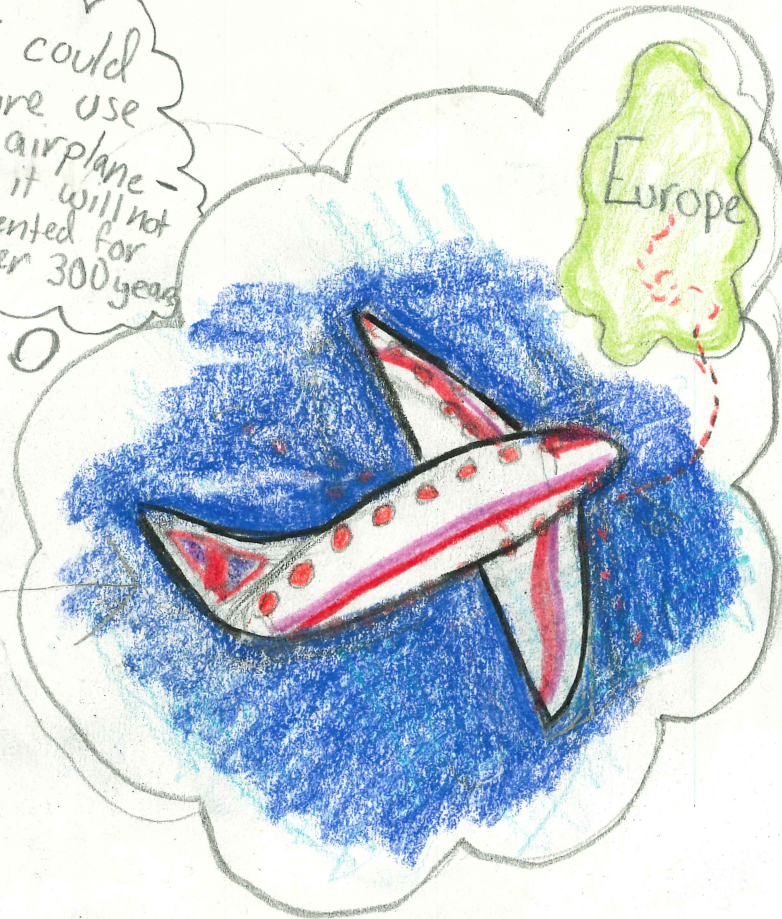
The group rented out a
cellar that was right under
the House of Lords. Over the
next few months they placed
thirty-six barrels of gunpowder
in the cellar—enough to blow
the roof of the House of Lords!



What was supposed to
happen ...



I could
sure use
an airplane -
too bad it will not
be invented for
another 300 years



Everything was ready.
Guy Fawkes was supposed
to light a fuse and escape
to Europe.



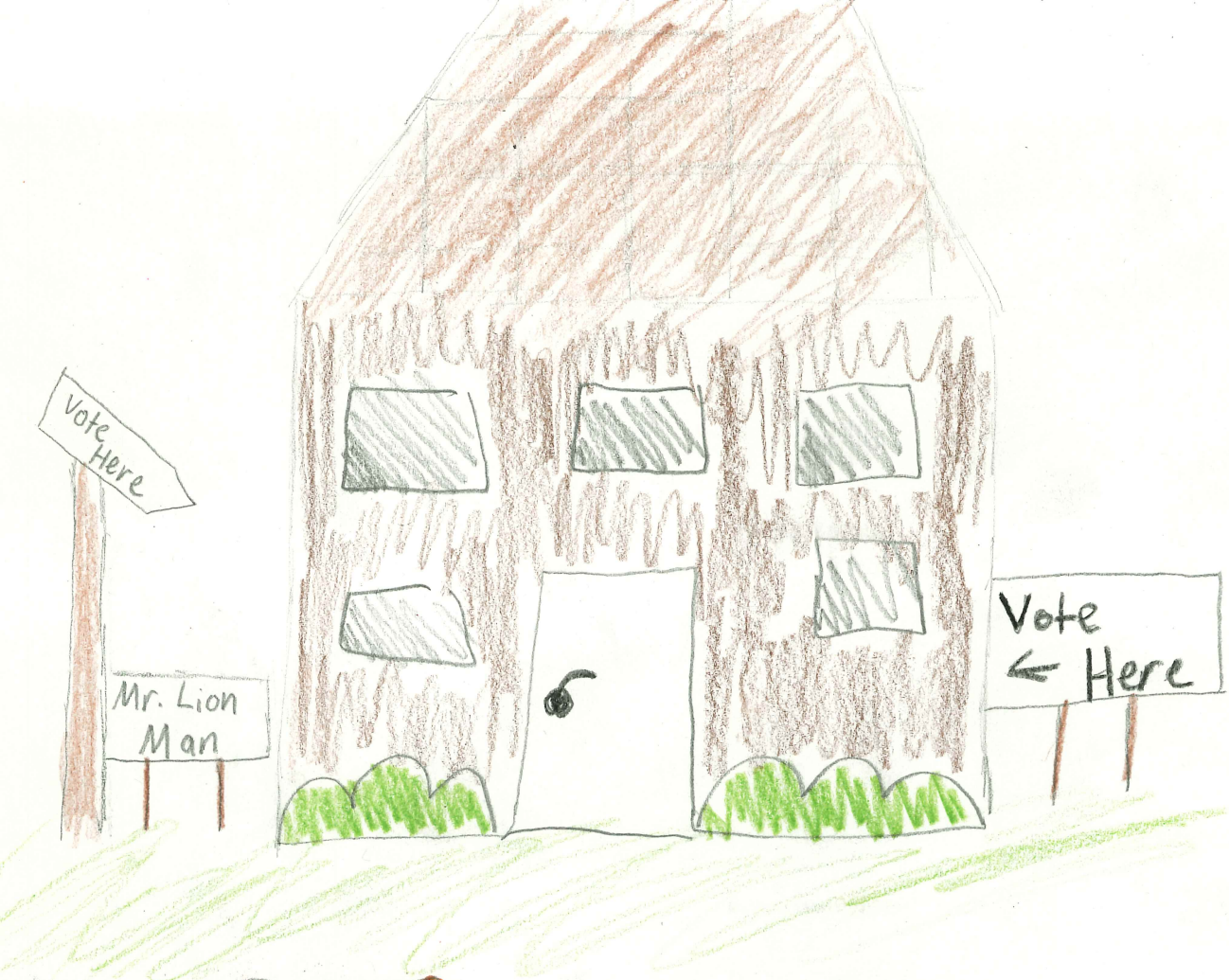
Sadly, for them, an anonymous letter was sent to Lord Monteaule, warning them to stay away from Parliament because some mischief was going to happen. Nobody knows who sent that letter.

On November 4th, Guy Fawkes was found
guarding the gun powder. Some conspirators fled
London, but all were found eventually.



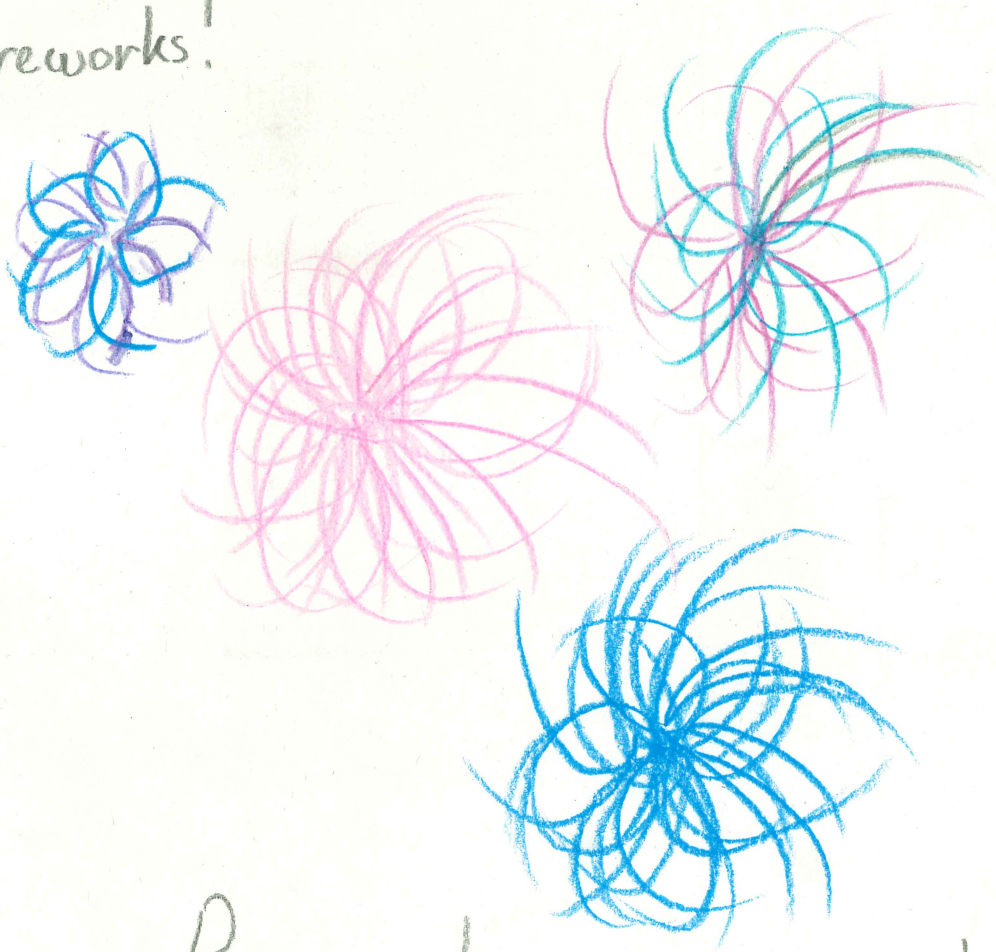


Many men were killed on
the spot. The eight who were
not killed immediately, including Guy
Wives, were hanged, drawn, and
quartered.



Catholics suffered for hundreds of years after the plot. Many laws were passed preventing them from voting or serving as officers in the Army or Navy.

Today, people in England celebrate November 5th as a holiday. It includes reciting poems, wearing masks, burning effigies of Guy Fawkes, burning bonfires, and lighting fireworks!



Remember, remember!
The fith of November,
The Gunpowder Treason
and Plot...