

Parliament's Education Service



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What do you know about Bonfire Night?



Fireworks!



Guy Fawkes



Houses of
Parliament

Britain in 1604

- James I King of England
- He did not allow people to practise their Catholic religion
- This made many people angry and some people wanted King James I dead



Who were the plotters?

- Robert Catesby: The Ringleader
- Guy Fawkes: The famous one!
- Thomas Winter: Recruited the gang
- Thomas Percy: In charge of plotters HQ
- Francis Tresham: Traitor?



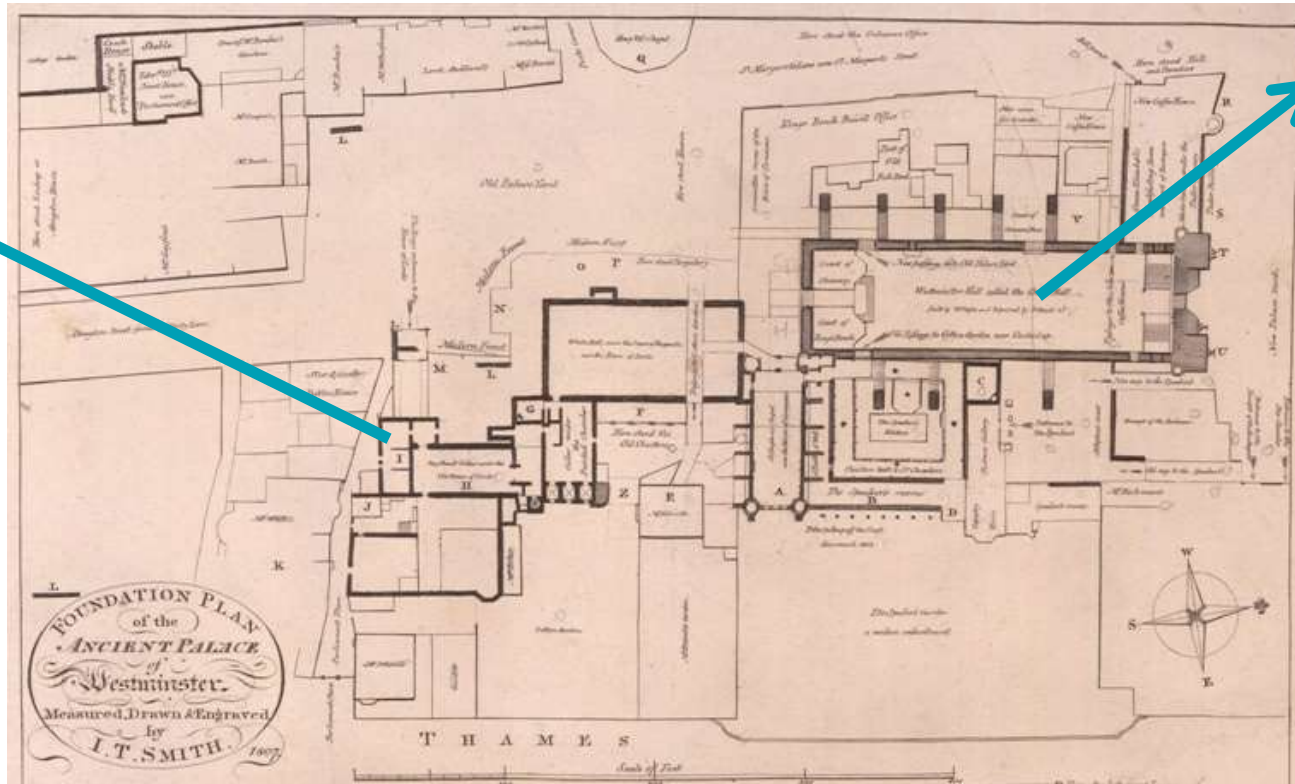
What Happened?

- The 5 plotters met in secret at the Duck and Drake pub in London to discuss their plans.
- They wanted to blow up the Houses of Parliament.



The hidden cellar

- Thomas Percy rented a house next door to the House of Lords.



Westminster Hall

Princes Chamber:
Next door to
The plotters
house.

- They made preparations for collecting gunpowder and started digging a tunnel.

1605...many months later

- The plotters recruit more people to help them dig their tunnel and organize weapons and horses for their rebellion
- In March they rented a storeroom underneath Parliament and began to store their gunpowder there.



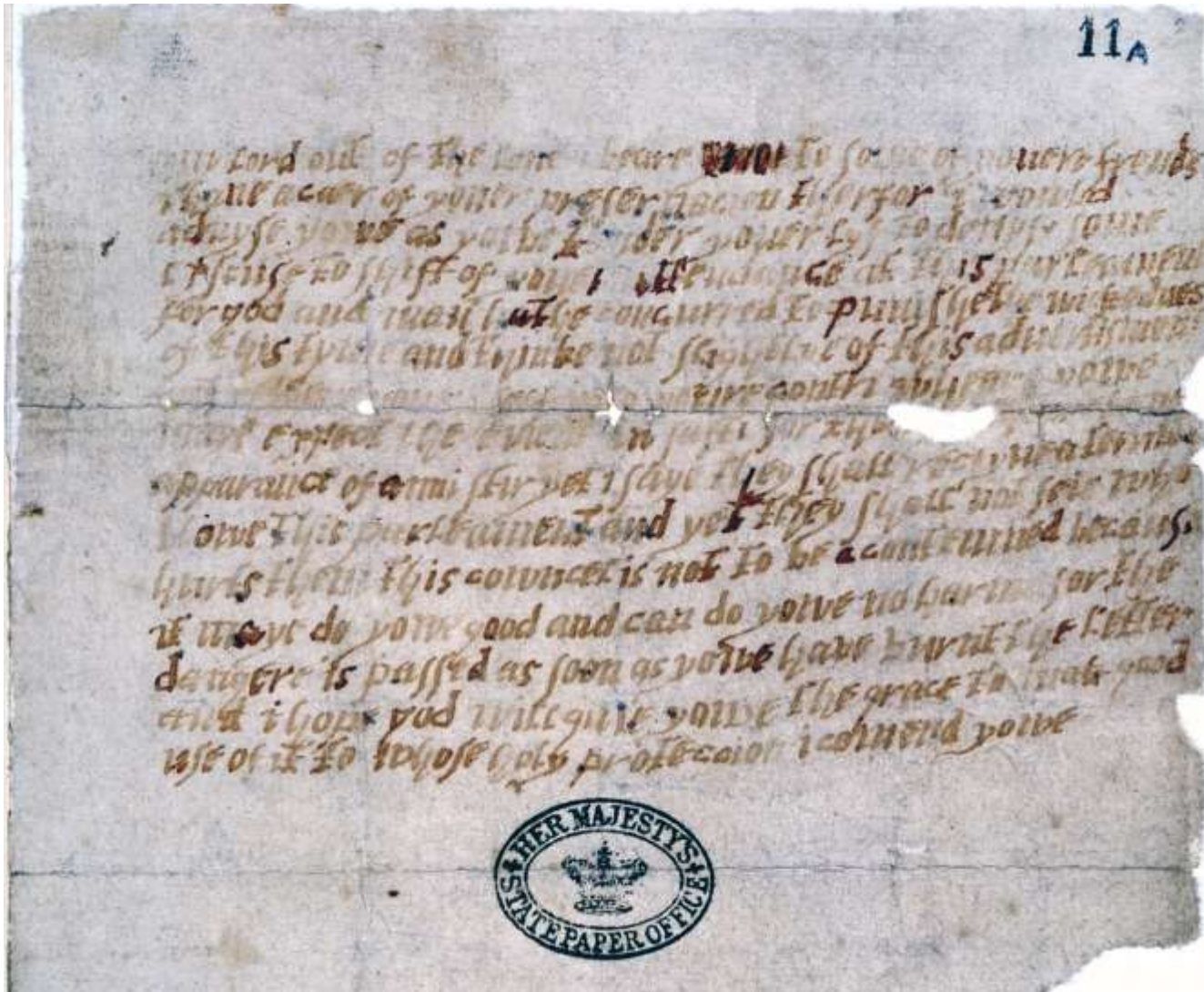
Count down to DISCOVERY!

The secret letter

October 25th 1605

- One of the plotters Thomas Fresham is worried about his Uncle Lord Monteagle being blown up
- Lord Monteagle's servant is handed an anonymous letter by a stranger.
- Lord Monteagle asks his servant to read it to him whilst he is eating his dinner that evening.
- It warns him not to attend the State Opening of Parliament

The Letter



Search!

November 4th 1605

- Lord Monteagle and his friends, Lord Chamberlain and Lord Suffolk, search the basement of the House of Lords
- They find a man who tells them his name is John Johnson and a big pile of firewood he says belongs to his master.

Suspicious?

November 4th 1605

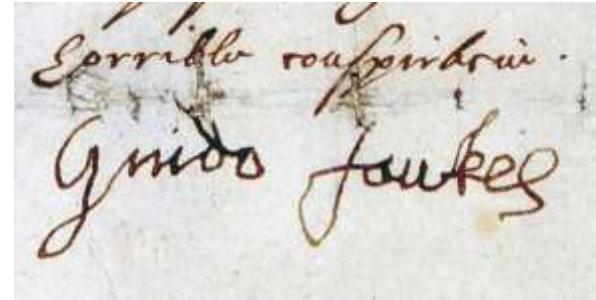
- King James I is suspicious - another search takes place.
- The mysterious man is found again about to light the fuse with 36 Barrels of gunpowder.
- It turns out to be Guy Fawkes. He is arrested and taken to see the King.



Torture and confession!

- Guy Fawkes is locked in the Tower of London and tortured until he confesses.
- Here you can see his signature on the confession before and after he was tortured.

Before



After

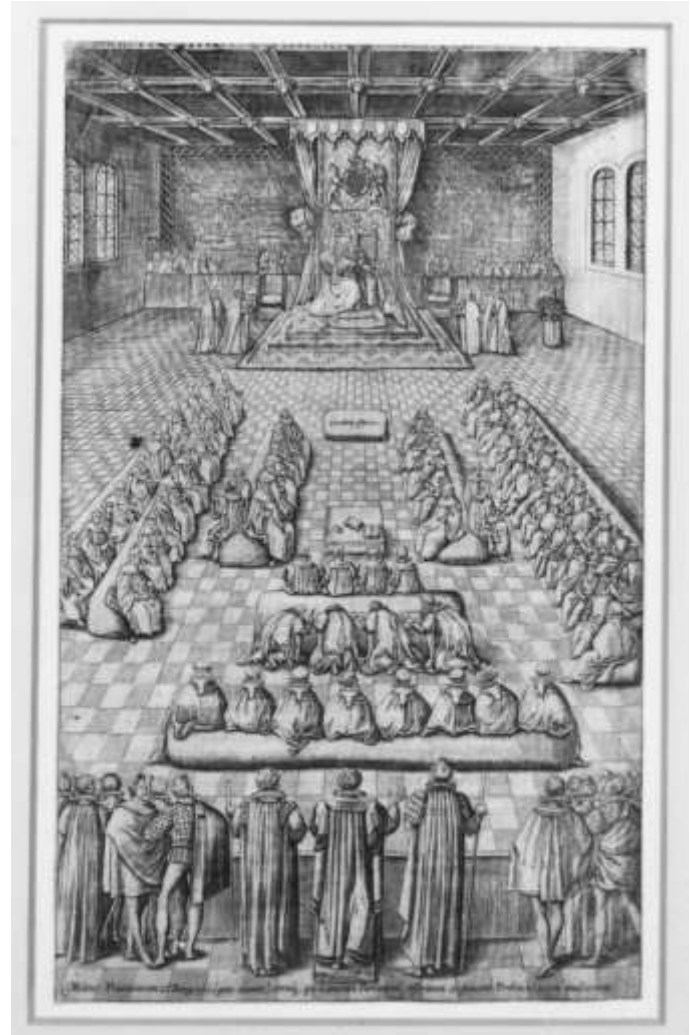


The Getaway

- Word quickly gets out that Guy Fawkes is arrested and the plot has been discovered!
- The rest of the plotters flee London to the Midlands.
- They are caught and four of the plotters were killed in the fight, all the others were arrested and taken to the Tower of London.

State Opening 1605

- King James I makes his speech at the State Opening thanking God for the 'the joyful day of deliverance'.



January 1606 - Trial and Execution



- The rest of the plotters are put to trial in Westminster Hall.
- They are all found guilty and punished by death.
- Guy Fawkes was executed in the Old Palace Yard, Westminster

The gruesome bit!

The plotters were executed a horrible way.....

Hung!	The prisoner was hung but cut loose just before they lost consciousness.
Drawn!	Their stomachs were then sliced open and their guts pulled out. The heart would be pulled out last, and shown to the dying person.
And.... Quartered!	Finally, the head would be cut off and the body cut into four quarters.

Then their heads were displayed on spikes as a warning to any other would-be plotters!

Bonfire Night!

- An Act of Parliament was later passed that made 5th November an official day of celebration!
- The law lasted until 1859 but the tradition lasted – We still celebrate Bonfire Night every year!



Fireworks!



Guy Fawkes!



Bonfire Night!

More Tradition!

To this day Yeoman of the Guard still search the cellars of the Houses of Parliament before State Opening...just in case!



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