

History Displays.



The Great Fire of London



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London

A very long time ago

Pudding Lane

timber-framed

thatched roof

flames

smoke

destroyed

burned

ruined

rebuilt

eyewitness

What city is this?





When do you think these pictures were made?

How would you describe these people?

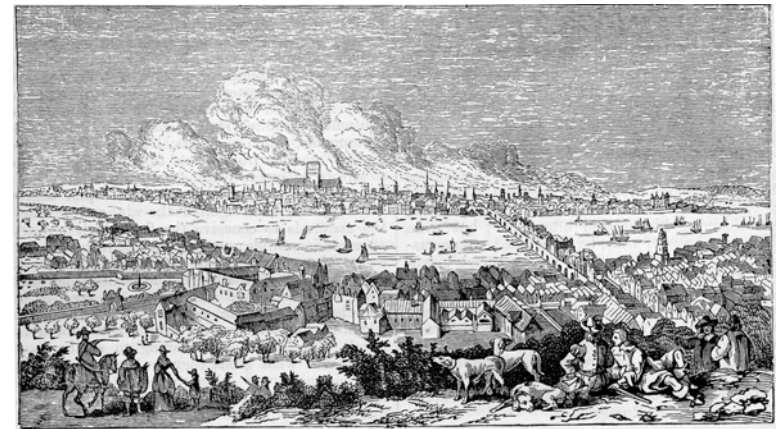
The **Great Fire of London** began on the night of 2nd September 1666 as a small fire in a baker's shop in Pudding Lane. The shop belonged to Thomas Farynor. He was baker for King Charles II. At one o'clock in the morning a servant woke to find the house on fire and raised the alarm. The baker and his family escaped by jumping across the roof tops but their maid, who was too scared to jump, died in the blaze.



The houses in London in 1666 were mainly made of wood and had thatched roofs. The floors were covered in straw.

The houses were built very close together and this helped the fire to spread from house to house.

A strong wind also meant that the fire spread quickly.



By Sunday morning the flames were half way across London Bridge.

The city of London did not have a fire brigade at that time. People would volunteer to put out fires. They used buckets of water from hand pumps.



People tried to escape from the fire in boats on the River Thames. They took shelter in stone churches.

The fire raged for four days and four nights.

Eventually the Duke of York ordered houses to be pulled down to create a 'fire break'. The wind also changed direction and the fire was eventually put out.



The fire destroyed 13,200 houses, 87 churches and other famous buildings such as St. Paul's Cathedral. Only five people died.


Between 1671 and 1677, the architect Sir Christopher Wren built a monument in remembrance of the Great Fire. The Monument is 61.5 metres high – this is exactly the distance between the monument and the place where the fire broke out.




Samuel Pepys was an eyewitness to the fire.

He wrote about what happened in his diary.






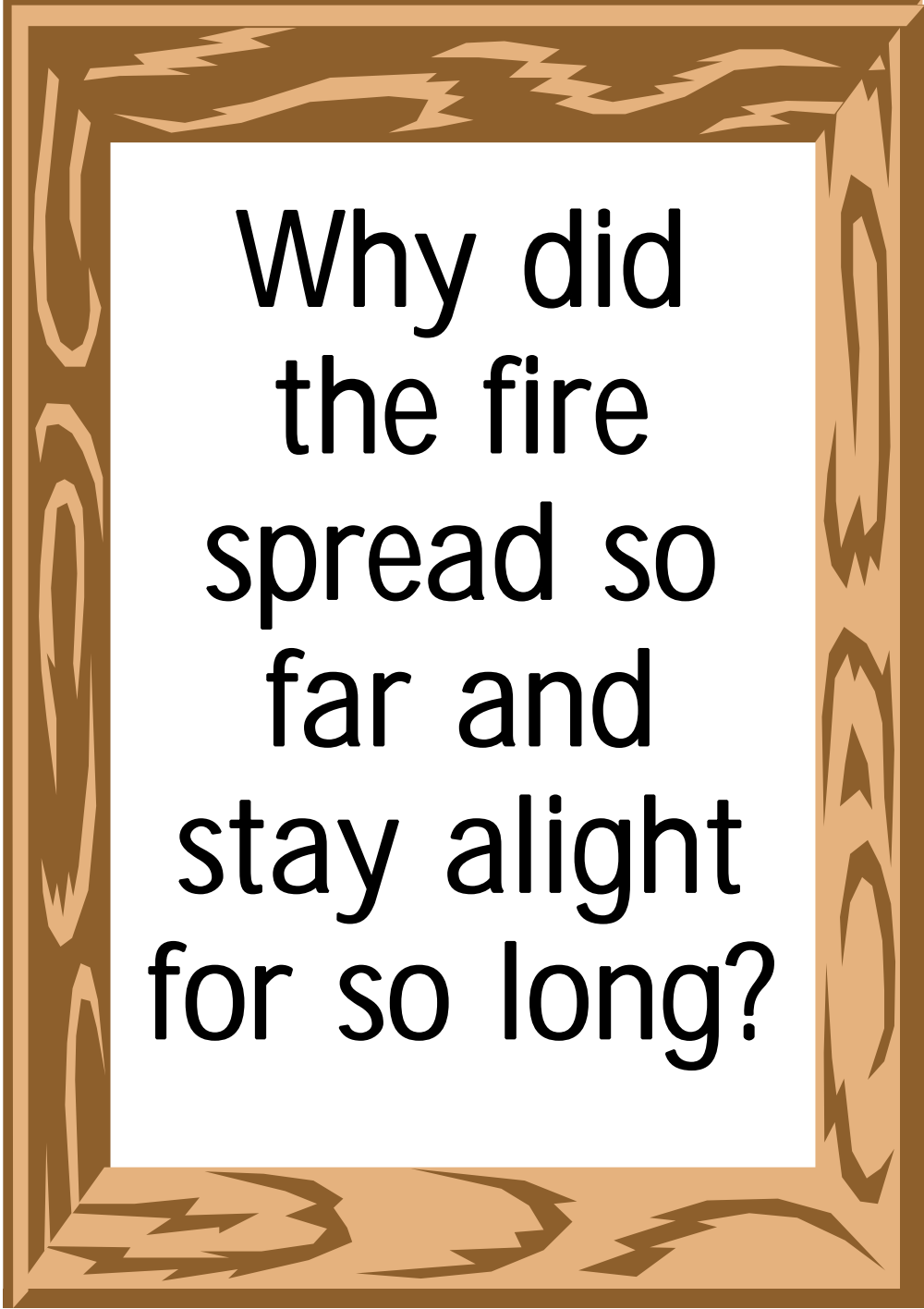
How do we
know
about the
Great Fire
of London?



When and
where did
the fire
begin?



What
happened
in the
Great Fire?



Why did
the fire
spread so
far and
stay alight
for so long?