



YEAR 2 GREAT FIRE OF LONDON



WHAT HAPPENED?

The Great Fire of London was a huge fire that started on 2nd September 1666. It began in a small bakery in Pudding Lane. The fire spread very quickly because the houses were made of wood, and the weather was hot and dry. The fire burned for four days and destroyed a large part of the city.

WHERE DID THE FIRE START?

The fire began in a bakery owned by a man named Thomas Farriner. It is believed that the fire started from a spark in his oven. The fire spread so fast that many people did not have time to escape.

HOW DID PEOPLE TRY TO STOP THE FIRE?

At first, people tried to put out the fire with water. But it was too strong, and there was not enough water. The fire kept spreading to other buildings, and soon the whole street was burning. Some people used large buckets of water, and others tried to pull down houses to stop the fire from spreading. However, it was not enough.

WHAT WAS THE DAMAGE?

The fire destroyed over 87 churches, 13,000 houses, and many important buildings. It was a very sad time for the people of London. However, no one knows exactly how many people were hurt or killed because the records were lost in the fire.

HOW DID THE FIRE END?

On 6th September, the fire finally stopped. Strong winds died down, and the fire had burned out all the buildings in its way. The city was left in ruins, but people slowly began to rebuild London.

WHAT HAPPENED AFTER THE FIRE?

After the fire, the city of London was rebuilt. New buildings were made from stone, not wood, so they would not catch fire so easily. London also got a better fire-fighting system, with more people trained to help in case of another fire. Today, people still remember the Great Fire of London as one of the most important events in the city's history.

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EXAMPLE QUESTIONS:

1. Where did the Great Fire of London begin?
2. How long did the fire burn for?
3. What materials were the houses in London made of at that time?
4. How did people try to stop the fire from spreading?
5. What was one important change made after the fire to prevent future fires?

• Where did the Great Fire of London start?

- A) In a church
- **B) In a bakery**
- C) In a house
- D) In a garden

• How long did the Great Fire of London last?

- A) Two days
- B) Three days
- **C) Four days**
- D) One week

• What was one of the main reasons the fire spread quickly?

- A) The wind was very strong
- **B) The houses were made of wood**
- C) People were not worried
- D) There was no water available

• What did people use to try to stop the fire?

- A) Fire trucks
- **B) Buckets of water**
- C) Firefighters with hoses
- D) Fire extinguishers

• What change was made after the Great Fire?

- A) People stopped using wood for buildings
- **B) New buildings were made from stone**
- C) More fire stations were built
- D) People left London for good