

Use the word given in capitals to form a word that fits the gap.

GUY FAWKES DAY



Guy Fawkes Day, also called Bonfire Night, is a British (1) _____ [OBSERVE] celebrated on November 5th, commemorating the (2) _____ [FAIL] of the Gunpowder Plot of 1605.

The Gunpowder Plot (3) _____ [CONSPIRE], led by Robert Catesby, were (4) _____ [ZEAL] Roman Catholics (5) _____ [RAGE] at King James I for refusing to grant greater religious (6) _____ [TOLERATE] to Catholics. They planned to blow up the Houses of Parliament (Palace of Westminster) during the state (7) _____ [OPEN] of Parliament, intending to kill the king and members of Parliament in order to clear the way to reestablishing Catholic rule in England. The plan failed when the conspirators were betrayed. One of them, Guy Fawkes, was taken into custody the evening before the attack, in the cellar where the (8) _____ [EXPLODE] to be used were stashed. The other conspirators were all either killed resisting capture or—like Fawkes—tried, convicted, and executed. In the aftermath, Parliament declared November 5th a national day of (9) _____ [THANKS], and the first (10) _____ [CELEBRATE] of it took place in 1606.

Today Guy Fawkes Day is celebrated in the United Kingdom, and in a number of countries that were (11) _____ [FORMER] part of the British Empire, with parades, (12) _____ [FIRE], bonfires, and food. Straw effigies of Fawkes are tossed on the bonfire, as are—in more recent years in some places—those of contemporary (13) _____ [POLITICS] figures. (14) _____ [TRADITION], children carried these effigies, called “Guys,” through the streets in the days leading up to Guy Fawkes Day and asked (15) _____ [PASS] for “a penny for the guy,” often reciting rhymes associated with the occasion, the best known of which dates from the 18th century:

*Remember, remember, the fifth of November
Gunpowder treason and plot
We see no reason
Why Gunpowder treason
Should ever be forgot....*

Fireworks, a major (16) _____ [COMPOSE] of most Guy Fawkes Day celebrations, represent the explosives that were never used by the (17) _____ [PLOT]. Guards perform an annual (18) _____ [SEEK] of the Parliament (19) _____ [BUILD] to check for potential (20) _____ [ARSON], although it is more (21) _____ [CEREMONY] than serious. Lewes, in south-eastern England, is the site of a celebration of Guy Fawkes Day that has a (22) _____ [DISTINCT] local flavour, involving six bonfire societies whose (23) _____ [MEMBER] are grounded in family history stretching back for (24) _____ [GENERATE].

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