



Vlad and the Great Fire of London



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London Bridge

In 1666 there was only one bridge crossing the River Thames. It was covered in houses and was very busy. People would cross the river by river boat.

Fighting the fire

There was no Fire Brigade like we have now. People had equipment such as buckets and hire hooks and volunteers all helped try to stop the spread of the fire.



Gunpowder

There was not enough water to put out the flames and it was necessary to create firebreaks that made gaps between the buildings. Gunpowder was used by the soldiers to blow up houses. .

The start of the fire

The fire began in Thomas Farriner's bakery on Pudding Lane. The most likely cause was that one of the fires had not be put out completely and sparks set fire to something nearby.



Samuel Pepys

As the fire got close to his home, Samuel Pepys sent many things away, but he buried some wine and Parmesan cheese which was still in the house. He was lucky this time as the fire did not reach his house.

London refugees

By the end of the fire, thousands of people has lost their homes which had been completely destroyed. They had to camp in the fields around the city. Some were still there five years later.

