Should the gunpowder plot have failed?

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Early learning goals – Can you discuss why this happened?

Year 2 Local history study (London)

⭐ Star Vocabulary ⭐

Plot: A plan made in secret by a group of people to do something illegal or harmful.

Execute: Carry out a death sentence of death on a criminal.

Treason: The crime of betraying your country by trying to kill the king or queen.

The Gunpowder Plot: A plot to blow up the Houses of Parliament to kill King James I and his government.

Catholics: Members of the Catholic church.

Protestants: Christians who are not Catholic.

Houses of Parliament: The building in London where the government works.

Gunpowder: An explosive powder that was used in guns.

Key Facts

- The Gunpowder Plot was a **plot** to kill **King James I** and his government by blowing up the Houses of Parliament.

- The plotters were Robert Catesby, **Guy Fawkes**, Thomas Percy, and five of their friends.

- Guy Fawkes was **executed** because he committed the crime of treason (31st January 1606)

- We celebrate **Bonfire night** because King James I ordered that people should celebrate his survival on the **5th November.**

Timeline of Events

24th March 1603
King James I becomes King of England.

May 1604
The group begin to plot against King James I.

13th April 1570
Guy Fawkes is born.

March 1605
The plotters rent a cellar under the Houses of Parliament.

5th November 1605
Guy Fawkes is found in the cellar with 36 barrels of gunpowder by the king's guards.

26th October 1605
Lord Monteagle, who is a Catholic, receives an unsigned letter that warns him not to go to the opening of Parliament on the **5th November.**

31st January 1606
Guy Fawkes is executed.

The Plotters

Robert Winter - cousin of Robert Catesby
John Wright - friend of Robert Catesby
Guy Fawkes - gunpowder expert
Thomas Winter - cousin of Robert Catesby
Christopher Wright - friend of Robert Catesby
Robert Catesby - the ringleader
Thomas Bates - servant of Robert Catesby
Thomas Percy - one of the King's bodyguards

Guy Fawkes was born on 13th April 1570, in York. He lived over 400 years ago!

To this day, people still light bonfires and burn 'guys' (puppets made of straw, named after Guy Fawkes) to celebrate.

King James I

Key Skills

- Show curiosity by asking questions.

- Use historical vocabulary.

- Identify ways in which the past is represented.

3,000,000 BC | 1066 | 1666 | 1939 | NOW

Stone Age | Bronze Age | Iron Age (Celts) | Romans | Anglo Saxons | Tudors | British Empire | Gunpowder Plot | GFOL | Victorians | WW2

Ancient Egypt
Ancient Greece
Shang Dynasty
Kingdom of Benin
Kushites