

The Life of Guy Fawkes

Childhood

Guy Fawkes was christened in York in April 1570, when Elizabeth I was queen. His parents were Edward and Edith Fawkes.



1. Where was Guy Fawkes christened?

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London

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Manchester

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York

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Cardiff

2. Who was the queen when Guy Fawkes was christened?

Guy's father died when he was only nine years old. All that belonged to his father was left to Guy, even though he had a mother and two older sisters.

3. How old was Guy Fawkes when his father died?

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Eleven

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Nine

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Nineteen

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Fourteen

4. How many older sisters did Guy Fawkes have?

Growing up

Guy's mother soon married again. The Fawkes family were *Protestants*, but Guy's stepfather was a *Catholic*. Guy soon started to follow Catholic beliefs.

It was not easy to become a Catholic in those days. There were laws to try to stop you. Catholic priests were put in prison and people who tried to help them were punished.

5. What beliefs did Guy Fawkes start to follow?

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Jewish

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Hindu

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Catholic

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Buddhist

6. What happened to people who tried to help Catholic priests?

Fighting overseas

When Guy was 21 years old he received all his father's money. Two years later he left England to join the Spanish Army because he wanted to fight for the Catholic church.

7. How old was Guy Fawkes when he received his father's money?

12 years old.

21 years old.

16 years old.

31 years old.

8. Why did Guy join the Spanish Army?

In 1603, a new king, James I, was crowned. English Catholics were afraid he would be cruel to them so they looked for some Catholic soldiers to help them. One of the soldiers they found was Guy Fawkes.

9. Who became the new king in 1603?

Henry VIII

Edward II

James I

Charles I

10. Why did English Catholics feel afraid?

Fighting at home

They told Guy their *plot*. They wanted to get rid of King James I and put a Catholic king or queen in his place. They decided to try to blow them all up on November 5th when the king opened parliament. Guy agreed to help. He knew all about *explosives* so he was perfect for the job. The plotters rented the cellar under the parliament building and filled it with barrels of gunpowder.

11. Who did the Catholics want to get rid of?

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King James I

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King Alfred I

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King John I

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King Arthur I

11. Where was the cellar that the plotters rented ?

Caught

Some of the plotters sent a letter to their Catholic friends in parliament. It told them to stay away from the opening of parliament on November 5th. But they passed the letter to the king! James I ordered his guards to search the whole parliament building. Guy was caught hiding behind the barrels of gunpowder in the cellar!

12. What did some of the plotters send to their Catholic friends?

A present.

A letter.

An invitation.

A Christmas card.

13. Where was Guy Fawkes hiding?

Hanged

On January 27th, 1606, Guy and 6 others were taken to court. They were found guilty of plotting to kill the king and *sentenced* to death. Four days later, they were all hanged.

14. What were Guy and the other plotters found guilty of?

Guy Fawkes' Night

On November 5th 1605, King James I ordered special church services to be held, to thank God for his protection. Today, 5th November is still a celebration for many people. It is often called *Bonfire Night* because people get together and enjoy a bonfire and fireworks display.

15. Why is November 5th often called Bonfire Night?

Draw a picture of a Bonfire Night celebration.

