



Disaster Strikes

1. What was London like in 1666?

Homes arched out over the street below, almost touching in places, and the city was buzzing with people. Lots of animals lived in London too - there were no cars, buses or lorries back then - so as well as houses, the city was full of sheds and yards packed high with flammable hay and straw.



What impact did The Great Fire have on the city of London today?

2. What was the cause and consequence of The Great Fire of London and how do we find out?

The Great Fire of London started on 2nd September and 1666 and was extinguished on the 6th September 1666. The fire started at lam on Sunday morning in **Thomas Farriner's** bakery on Pudding Lane. It may have been **caused** by a spark from his oven falling onto a pile of fuel nearby.

3. Why is Samuel Pepys significant to our understanding of The Great Fire Of London?

Samuel Pepys survived the Great Plague of 1665. He also saw the Great Fire of London in 1666. It destroyed 13,000 houses. We know lots about these two events from his diary.



4. How does the London of 1666 compare to the London of today?

What is the same? What is different? What has changed?



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Key Vocabulary

- **Monarchy-** A **monarchy** is a form of government that has a single person known as a **monarch** at its head. **Monarchs** use such titles as king, queen, emperor, or empress.
- **Cause-** is the thing that makes something happen
- **Effect-** is the thing that happens (the reaction).
- **Primary Source** – first hand account of an event e.g. newspapers, diary, artefacts.
- **Secondary sources-** can be written after an event e.g. books.

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Dates and events

- 2nd September 1666- Fire broke out.
- 3rd September 1666- Fire spread and reached the banking quarters of the city.
- 4th September 1666- King Charles II helped people to put out the fire. St Paul's Cathedral caught fire.
- 5th September 1666- Houses were pulled down.
- 6th September 1666- Fire was extinguished