

Guy Fawkes Night



- Guy Fawkes Night is celebrated on November 5.
- It is celebrated in many English-speaking countries....but not in America!



- Guy Fawkes Night celebrates the failure of a plot to kill the King of England in 1605.
- A group of conspirators plotted to blow up the House of Parliament, with King James the First inside.



- Guy Fawkes and others stored gunpowder in a cellar below the House of Parliament.
- The conspirators were discovered and arrested before they could explode the gunpowder.



- After the plot failed, the people of London lit bonfires to celebrate the King's deliverance.
- The tradition has continued every year.



*Remember, remember the fifth of November,
The gunpowder treason and plot,
I know of no reason
Why the gunpowder treason
Should ever be forgot.*



- In Guy Fawkes bonfires, people burn an effigy known as the Guy



- Children would beg “a penny for the Guy”
- They would use the money to buy fireworks



- On Guy Fawkes Night, people eat traditional foods such as:
 - Bonfire toffee
 - Toffee apples
 - Jacket potatoes
 - The potatoes are wrapped in foil and cooked in the bonfire or its embers
 - Black peas with vinegar
 - Potato pie with pickled red cabbage

