

History Term 5 week 3

The Great Fire of London 1666

Have you completed the game online? <http://www.fireoflondon.org.uk/game/>

Watch this Magic Grandad video about the Great fire of London to learn some more information about what it was like in 1666.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VarSSAwimU>

Samuel Pepys was a significant person because he kept a diary, which recorded his eyewitness account of actual events that happened. He wrote in code to keep it a secret diary!

Task

Complete the following sheet as if you were Samuel Pepys answering what it might be like in 1666 using what you have learnt.

Challenges

Can you write a coded message?

Create a picture to show the great fire of London.

Write a diary of what you did today like Samuel Pepys.



My Diary
Samuel Pepys

Sunday 2nd September 1666

As I looked out of my window I saw _____

Then I smelt _____

I could hear _____

I felt that I _____



Samuel Pepys A famous diarist.

Samuel Pepys was born on 23rd February 1633 in London. He was the fifth child of eleven. His father was a tailor. He was very clever and studied at Cambridge University.

He started to write his famous diary when he was 27 years old.

During the Great Fire Samuel Pepys was angry because so many people fled and didn't try to help put out the fire. Pepys famously buried his best cheese and wine in a box in his garden.

He visited King Charles II and told him what he should do. "Pull down the buildings," he said. "Then there shall be gaps which will stop the fire from spreading."

His diary tells us a lot of information about what happened during the fire and is one of the ways that we can learn about what happened in the past.

He started to become blind and stopped writing his diary when he was 36. He died on May 26th 1703 at the age of 70.