

Objective

By the end of this lesson, you will learn about the Great Fire of London and understand how it affected the city.

Materials and Prep

- Pen and paper
- Coloring pencils or markers
- Access to a computer or library books

Activities

- Activity 1: Draw the Great Fire of London

Using your coloring pencils or markers, draw a picture of the Great Fire of London. Think about the buildings, the flames, and the people during this event. Be creative!

- Activity 2: Research the Great Fire of London

With the help of a computer or library books, find out more about the Great Fire of London. Look for interesting facts and stories about the fire. Write down three things you find most fascinating.

- Activity 3: Act out the Great Fire of London

Gather some toy houses or blocks and set up a small city. Pretend that one of the houses catches fire and act out how the fire spreads. Use your imagination to recreate the events of the Great Fire of London.

Talking Points

- **The Great Fire of London happened in 1666.** It started in a bakery on Pudding Lane and quickly spread to other buildings.
- **The fire destroyed a large part of the city.** Many houses, churches, and even the famous St. Paul's Cathedral were burned down.
- **People had to escape from the fire.** Some jumped into the River Thames to save themselves, while others tried to save their belongings.
- **The fire lasted for four days.** It finally stopped when the wind changed direction and the firefighters managed to create firebreaks.

- **After the fire, London was rebuilt.** Architects like Sir Christopher Wren designed new buildings, including the iconic St. Paul's Cathedral we see today.
- **The Great Fire of London led to improvements in fire safety.** New regulations were put in place, such as wider streets and houses made of brick instead of wood.