

Objective

By the end of this lesson, Daniella and Alisia will understand the history and significance of Bonfire Night, explore its traditions, and create their own fun activities related to the celebration.

Materials and Prep

- Paper and pencils for note-taking and drawing
- Access to a safe outdoor area (if possible) for a mock bonfire activity
- Ingredients for making s'mores (optional)
- Information about Guy Fawkes and Bonfire Night (can be found online)
- Art supplies for creating decorations (optional)

Activities

• History Exploration:

Daniella and Alisia will research the origins of Bonfire Night, focusing on the story of Guy Fawkes and the Gunpowder Plot. They can create a timeline of events leading up to the first Bonfire Night in 1605.

• Bonfire Night Decorations:

Using art supplies, the students will create decorations for a mock Bonfire Night celebration. They can make paper lanterns or posters with facts about the event.

• Mock Bonfire:

If safe to do so, the students can gather around a small fire pit or a designated outdoor area to simulate a bonfire. They can discuss what they would typically do at a bonfire, like roasting marshmallows or telling stories.

• Fun Facts Quiz:

After learning about Bonfire Night, Daniella and Alisia can create a quiz for each other based on what they learned. This can include questions about the history, traditions, and safety tips for bonfires.

Talking Points

- "Bonfire Night, also known as Guy Fawkes Night, is celebrated on November 5th every year. Do you know why?"
- "The story of Bonfire Night goes back to 1605 when Guy Fawkes tried to blow up the Houses of Parliament. Can you imagine how different our history would be if he had succeeded?"
- "People light bonfires and set off fireworks to remember the event. What do you think it was like back then when they first started this tradition?"
- "One of the main themes of Bonfire Night is to celebrate the fact that King James I survived the plot. Why do you think people wanted to celebrate that?"
- "Do you know what a 'Guy' is? It's a dummy made to represent Guy Fawkes, and it's often

burned on the bonfire. What do you think it symbolizes?"

- "Bonfire Night is also a time for family and friends to gather. What are some fun activities you would want to do with your friends?"
- "Safety is super important during Bonfire Night. What do you think are some good safety tips for being around fireworks and bonfires?"
- "In some places, people also celebrate with food, like toffee apples and baked potatoes. What's your favorite bonfire treat?"
- "Bonfire Night has a lot of fun traditions! What new tradition would you like to start for your own Bonfire Night celebration?"
- "The night is often filled with excitement, but it also has a serious history. Why do you think it's important to remember the past?"
- "The colors of the fireworks can be so beautiful! If you could design your own firework, what colors and shapes would it have?"
- "Finally, what do you think makes Bonfire Night special compared to other holidays? Is it the history, the fireworks, or the food?"