

Objective

By the end of this lesson, you will be able to understand and discuss the Great Fire of London, its causes, consequences, and impact on the city.

Materials and Prep

- Internet access
- Pen and paper
- Optional: Books or articles about the Great Fire of London

Activities

1. Research the Great Fire of London

Use the internet to find information about the Great Fire of London. Take notes on the causes, timeline, and consequences of the fire.

2. Write a newspaper article

Pretend you are a journalist reporting on the Great Fire of London. Write a newspaper article summarizing the event. Include details about the causes, the impact on the city, and how it was eventually extinguished.

3. Create a timeline

Using the information you gathered, create a timeline of the Great Fire of London. Include key events and dates. You can draw the timeline or use a digital tool.

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- "The Great Fire of London occurred in 1666 and lasted for three days."
- "The fire started in a bakery on Pudding Lane and quickly spread due to strong winds and the close proximity of wooden buildings."
- "It destroyed a significant part of the city, including famous landmarks like St. Paul's Cathedral."
- "The fire led to improvements in city planning and building regulations to prevent similar disasters in the future."
- "Samuel Pepys, a famous diarist, documented the events of the Great Fire of London in his diary."