

I already know...

There are similarities and differences between life in the past and life now.

Vocabulary

London: the capital city of England

Samuel Pepys: a person who lived in London at the time of the Great Fire

diary: a book in which people write about what has happened each day

eyewitness: someone who saw something happen

source: something that gives us information about an event, place or person from the past

firebreak: a gap between two buildings that helps to stop a fire from spreading

flammable: easily set on fire

Key Facts

- The Great Fire of London started in a **bakery** in Pudding Lane.
- The fire burned for **almost five days**; it was very hard to put out.
- It **destroyed one third** of London.
- Samuel Pepys** kept a **diary** about the events of the Great Fire.
- London was **rebuilt** after the fire.

Sources

We can use these **sources** to find out about the Great Fire of London.



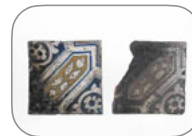
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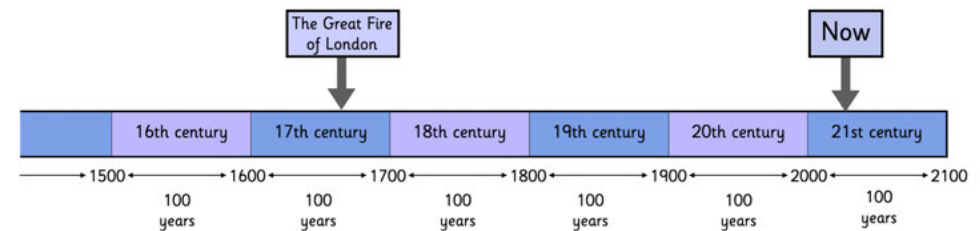
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Timeline

The Great Fire of London happened almost 400 years ago. This is **beyond living memory**.



The Great Fire of London took place in the **17th century**, in the year **1666**. This was in the **Stuart era**, during the reign of King Charles II.

Enquiry questions

We can ask **questions**.

- Where** did the fire start, and how?
- Why** did it spread so quickly and last so long?
- How** did people try to put the fire out?
- How** do we know so much about the Great Fire of London?

Enquiry skills

We can **compare and contrast** houses from the time of the Great Fire with houses **now**.

Building materials for houses:

then



wood, straw

now



bricks, tiles