

Question—How did the Great Fire of London change London?

Year 2

What was the Great Fire of London?

In 1666, a devastating fire swept through London destroying 13,200 houses, 87 parish churches, The Royal Exchange, Guildhall and St. Paul's Cathedral.

Many people also lost their lives.

Houses were built differently back in 1666. They were made from timber, with thatched rooves and tightly packed together in narrow streets that were full of rubbish. This enabled the fire to spread so quickly.

Samuel Pepys recorded the events of the fire in his now-famous diary. He described how the fire was eventually prevented from spreading, which saved many more homes and lives.

John Evelyn also wrote a diary of the events.



Key Vocab

- fire
- Samuel Pepys
- John Evelyn
- diary
- London
- baker
- River Thames
- thatched rooves
- timber
- wattle and daub
- leather bucket
- Tower of London
- King Charles II

- churches
- timeline
- St Paul's Cathedral
- Pudding Lane
- Thomas Farriner
- explosives
- wind
- fire hooks
- evacuate
- reconstructed

Mr. Baxter was born-1986

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Great Fire of London-1666

WWI  
1914-1918

Miss Hall was born-1966

When I was born - 2015 or 2016.