

What will we be learning?

Key facts

- Recognise the distinction between past and present.
- Where London is and what it looks like.
- What was London like in the past?
- Why did the 'Great Fire' spread so quickly?
- What did the residents of London do during the fire?
- Samuel Pepys – an English diarist famous for describing the Great Fire of London in 1666.
- King Charles II (1630-1685) reigned 1600-1685
- Tudors – 1485 to 1603
- Stuarts – 1603 to 1714
- Sunday 2 September 1666
- In 1666, there was no organised fire brigade.

Key vocabulary

- **Historical vocabulary:** past, present, today, tomorrow, future, years ago, timeline, order, before, after
- **Chronology:** the order in which things happen
- **Cause:** why things happened
- **Consequence:** what followed as a result
- **Economy:** the way people make money (jobs)
- **Sources:** anything that people from the past left behind
- **Evidence:** historians use sources to establish evidence and solve puzzles
- **Interpretations:** ways of analysing and explaining evidence
- **Historical argument:** balancing interpretations to construct opinions

Key knowledge – what have you learned?

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Sources – what do these sources tell you?

Painting from around 1675



Declaration of King Charles II

In the first place the woful experience in this late heavy visitation hath sufficiently convinced all men of the pernicious consequences which have attended the building with Timber, and even with Stone it self, and the notable benefit of Brick, which in so many places hath refuted and even extinguished the Fire; And we do therefore hereby declare Our express Will and Pleasure, That no man whatsoever shal presume to erect any Houfe or Building, great or small, but of Brick, or Stone; and if any man shal do the contrary, the next Magistrate shal forthwith cause it to be pulled down,

all other eminent and notorious Streets, shal be of such a breadth, as may with Gods blessing prevent the mischief that one side may suffer if the other be on fire,

nor will we suffer any Lanes or Allyes to be erected, but whereupon mature deliberation the same shal be found absolutely necessary,

no house shall be erected within so many foot of the River,

any houses to be inhabited by Brewers, or Diers, or Sugar-Bakers, which Trades by their continual Smoaks contribute very much to the unhealthines of the adjacent places; but We require the Lord Major and Aldermen of London upon a full consideration, and weighing all conveniences and inconveniences that can be foreseen, to propose such a place as may be fit for all those Trades which are carried on by smoak to inhabit together,

Firefighter bucket



Timeline

