

LEARNING CHALLENGE	QUESTION - Why was Samuel Pepys Famous?
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LC 6	How are houses different now to 1666? How was London Rebuilt?
LC 7	What have we learnt about the Great Fire of London?

Why was Samuel Pepys Famous?

Key people, places and words

Samuel Pepys : a famous man who wrote a diary about the fire.

Thomas Faryner : owner of the bakery where the fire started.

King Charles II : the King of England in 1666.

Christopher Wren : the man who designed new buildings and a monument to the fire.

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Bakery : a shop where bread and cakes are made.

Oven : where food is cooked. Today we use gas or electricity to heat ovens but in 1666 they burnt wood to heat the oven.

Flammable : when something burns easily.

Eyewitness : a person who saw an event with their own eyes and can therefore describe it.

Leather bucket : leather is the material that buckets were made from before plastic was invented.

Fire Hooks : giant hooks used to pull houses down.

Fire Breaks : when buildings are destroyed on purpose to make a gap (break) so the fire can't spread to the next building.

The Fire of London started on 2nd September 1666 and lasted for 5 days.

The weather in London was hot and it hadn't rained for 10 months. Houses in London were mainly built from wood and straw which is flammable, especially when it is dry. The houses were also very close together, so the fire could easily spread.



