



The Great Fire of London: What were the causes of the Great Fire of London and what was the impact of this event?

<p><b>Early Sunday morning</b></p>  <p>The fire starts at Thomas Farriner's bakery on Pudding lane.</p>	<p><b>Mid Sunday morning</b></p>  <p>As news of the fire spreads, people run to escape from its path.</p>	<p><b>Sunday evening</b></p>  <p>Houses are pulled down in an attempt to stop the fire spreading.</p>	<p><b>Early Monday morning</b></p>  <p>People carry their possessions to safety using boats on the River Thames.</p>	<p><b>Tuesday</b></p>  <p>St Paul's Cathedral is destroyed by the fire.</p>	<p><b>Wednesday</b></p>  <p>The fire starts to burn more slowly as the wind dies down.</p>	<p><b>Thursday</b></p>  <p>The fire is finally under control and put out.</p>
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### Very Important Vocabulary

Timeline: the order in which events happen

London: the capital city of England

Pudding Lane: where the Great Fire of London started in a bakery

Thomas Farriner: a baker in London

Primary source: original first-hand accounts or objects

Secondary Sources: sources which do not come from the time that the historian is studying

Samuel Pepys: a member of Parliament, who kept a diary during the Great Fire of London

Leather bucket: container used for carrying water

Squirt: handheld water pump

Fire hook: metal pole with a hooked end that was used for pulling down buildings that were on fire

Fire service: a group of people whose job it is to prevent and put out fires

### Causes:

Wooden buildings were built closely together.

Overhanging 1st floor

Dry Weather

### Fire Equipment:

In the past, there was no fire service to put out the fire. Instead, people used things like water buckets to carry water and hooks to pull down the houses.



### Consequences

A law was introduced that said all buildings had to be made from stone with no jutting 1st floor. Buildings were also built a little further apart where possible.

The first fire service was set up with engines and trained fire fighters. They now have much better fire equipment such as breathing apparatus, fire hoses and thermal imaging cameras.

