

The History of Parliament Schools Competition 2005: PARLIAMENT AND TREASON IN 1605

Remember, remember, the fifth of November: gunpowder, treason and plot!

It's 400 years since Guy Fawkes and his gunpowder were discovered in a basement storeroom under the House of Lords on the night of 4 November 1605.

To mark this anniversary, the History of Parliament Trust is launching a competition for 7-14 year olds and their schools.

The competition ties in with a fantastic new website about the Plot, put together by the Parliamentary Archives, the History of Parliament Trust, and the 24 Hour Museum. There are two versions of the website – one for younger children, at www.show.me.uk/gunpowderplot, and another for older children and adults, at <http://www.gunpowderplot.parliament.uk/>

Each winner will get to visit the House of Commons in January, to be presented with their prize - £50 worth of book tokens.

There are two age groups – 7-11 years old and 12-14 years old. Check out what the judges are looking for from each age group...

If you're 7-11 years old:

Once Guy Fawkes had been arrested, the government was really worried that other people were involved in the Plot, and might have plans to carry out another attack. They were right of course, Fawkes didn't act alone. He wasn't even the ringleader.

Within a few days the government had found out who some of Guy Fawkes's co-conspirators had been – but they still needed to find them! They sent out a proclamation (a public notice) giving the details of the few they knew about, asking people to look out for them and turn them over to the government.

- Draw or Paint a 'Wanted' Poster, with a picture of one or more of the conspirators, along with an explanation of why they are being looked for by the government.

Hint: Find out all about the conspirators ~~are given~~ on the Gunpowder Plot website!

If you're 11-14 years old:

Even though Jacobean England didn't have newspapers, news travelled fast - through pamphlets (leaflets), and by word of mouth. Many pamphlets were sold right in the heart of Westminster, at Westminster Hall, where the courts were held.

- Imagine that there were newspapers at the time. Make a newspaper which explains what had happened. You may include pictures, news articles, interviews – it's up to you.

Hint: Use the Gunpowder, Treason and Plot website to find all the information you'll need.

The closing date for entries is **30 November 2005**, so get to work!

You **must** include a sheet of paper with your entry, which has this info on it:

- Your first name and surname
- Whether the entry is for the 7-11 or 12-14 age group (*see previous note on age groups*)
- Your age at 30 November 2005
- Your address and a contact telephone number

Post your entries to:

History of Parliament Gunpowder Plot Competition
 24 Hour Museum
 PO Box 3470
 Brighton
 BN1 1DA

Here's the boring (but important!) legal stuff:

- Receipt will be acknowledged, but entries cannot be returned after being judged.
- A panel appointed by the Trustees and Editorial Board of the History of Parliament Trust will judge shortlisted entries. The judges' decision will be final, and no further correspondence will be entered into about their decision.
- The prize consists (in each case) of a £50 book token for the student; a visit to the Palace of Westminster for the student and up to two others and a member of the school staff (the History will pay reasonable travel/accommodation expenses for the student and accompanying members of his/her family)
- The prize will be presented at the House of Commons during January 2006.