

| CARNIVAL! (Somerset) |

Key Facts

1	Henry VIII broke with the Catholic church and England became a Protestant country
2	Somerset was a strong Protestant area and loyal to King James I
3	Many Catholics felt they were treated unfairly and stopped from worshipping.
4	One of the conspirators, a Catholic Jesuit Priest called Robert Parsons, was born in Nether Stowey
5	Somerset celebrated the survival of James I enthusiastically, and the tradition of the Carnival was born.
	There are no reports of early celebrations, because local newspapers were not yet invented.
6	Originally, Carnival celebrations were based around a big bonfire, where people burned effigies.
7	Carnival has evolved to include the Carnival carts we see today.

Key skills/questions

1	develop a chronologically secure knowledge and understanding of British, history,
2	<i>Why did Carnival start?</i>
3	note connections and contrasts over time
4	<i>What has changed in Carnival over time?</i>
5	understand how our knowledge of the past is constructed from a range of sources and that different versions of past events may exist
6	<i>Is what we're told about the Gunpowder plot true?</i>

Vocabulary

1	Catholic	a Christian who belongs to the Roman Catholic Church
2	Protestant	a Christian who does not belong to the Roman Catholic Church
3	Carnival	A celebration held every year in Somerset to celebrate Bonfire night
4	Parliament	The group of lawmakers in the United Kingdom
5	Conspirator	a person who plots with others to do something harmful or unlawful

Timeline

1	1532-1534	England breaks with the Catholic church and Church of England is created
2	13 th April 1570	Guy Fawkes born in York
3	24 th March 1603	King James 1 crowned as King of England
4	March 1605	Guy Fawkes and other conspirators rent a cellar under the House of Lords and hide firewood
5	5 th November 1605	Guy Fawkes arrested in the cellar and taken to the Tower of London
6	31 st January 1606	Guy Fawkes executed for treason
7	1716	First newspaper reports of Somerset towns making fireworks
8	1847	First recorded 'carnival' in Somerset to celebrate Guy Fawkes' capture
9	1881	First carnival committee formed to bring law and order to the Carnival
10	1881 - now	Carnival celebrated annually in Somerset.