

Year 8 History Term One- Stuart England

Key Terms	Definitions
Roman Catholics	Members of Christian Church recognising the Pope as their leader.
Protestants	A member or follower of the Western Christian Churches that are separate from the Roman Catholic Church following the reformation.
Monarchy	A government when a king is a head of the country.
Divine Right of Kings	A belief that the kings were appointed by God himself and so their subjects have no right to question them.

Timeline of Key events:

- 1603- Elizabeth I dies and James VI of Scotland (her cousin) becomes King James I of England.
- 1603-5 -King James I passes harsh laws against the Catholics.
- 27th October 1605- Lord Monteagle receives a letter revealing the Gunpowder Plot and tells the King.
- 4th November 1605- the government search the Houses of Parliament for the Plotters.
- 7th November 1605- the Plotters are surrounded at Holbeach House.
- 31st January 1606- Guy Fawkes and the other plotters are executed by being hung, drawn and quartered.

Key People:

Guy Fawkes	Gunpowder specialist, found at the scene of the crime
Robert Catesby	The main plotter
James I	The King of England, a protestant
Robert Cecil	The King's chief minister. Thought to have set up the plot to frame the Catholics
Lord Monteagle	Received the letter informing him of the Gunpowder Plot

The Gunpowder Plotters

Evidence they were framed	Evidence they were guilty
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The letter to Lord Monteagle could have been written to incriminate the plotters- it would explain how the government found out about the plot. • The confessions from Fawkes and other plotters were given after they had been tortured for days. • All gunpowder was controlled by the government and kept in the Tower of London. • The gunpowder was placed in the cellar of a house next to Parliament. It was rented to the plotters by John Whynniard, a king's official and friend of Robert Cecil. • The government knew about the plot on the 27th October but didn't take any action until 4th November. • The government knew where are all plotters were when they went to arrest them for the crime. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Catholic priests preached that Catholics must kill their king to help their religion. • Letter to Lord Monteagle could have been from one of the plotters and written to protect Monteagle. • Guy Fawkes confessed to the plot. • Other plotters including Thomas Winter also confessed to the plot.