

The Events of the Great Fire



Aim

- I can find out about how the Great Fire started and spread across London

Success Criteria

- I can say how and where the fire started
- I can say why it might have spread
- I can put the events of the Great Fire in order

How did the Great Fire of London start?

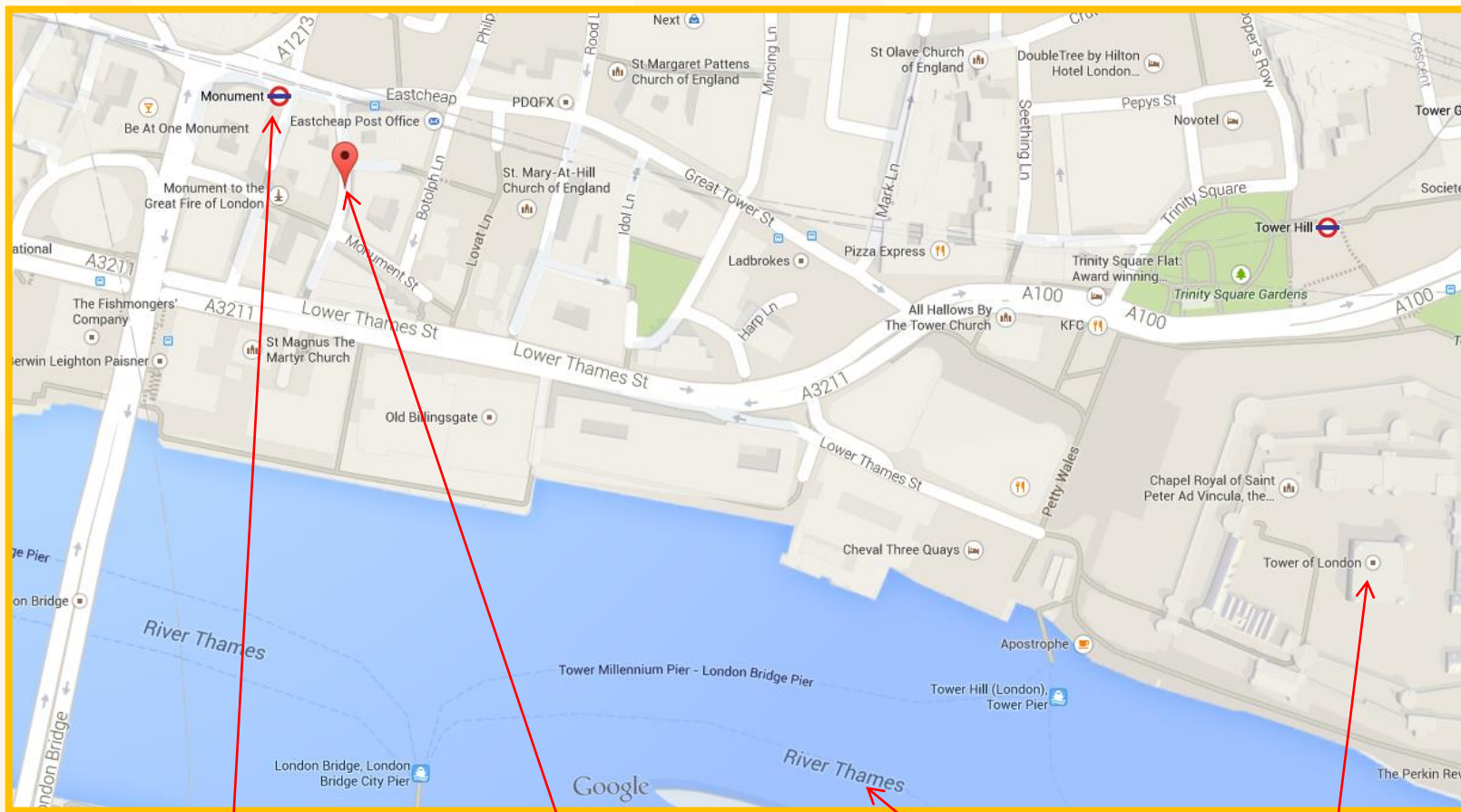
The Great Fire of London began in the early hours of Sunday 2nd September, 1666. It began on Pudding Lane, at a baker's shop belonging to a baker called Thomas Farriner.

Here is a picture of Pudding Lane today:



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Present-Day Map of Pudding Lane



There is Monument tube station near Pudding Lane

This is Pudding Lane

This is the River Thames

The Tower of London is not far away!

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Early Sunday Morning



The famous 'Great Fire of London' started on Sunday the 2nd September 1666 in a baker's shop on Pudding Lane. The baker was called Thomas Farriner.



Thomas had forgotten to put out a fire he made to bake some bread. The fire soon began to spread throughout London. The Great Fire had begun!

Sunday Morning



Samuel Pepys started to record the unfolding events in his diary.

Sunday Evening



Fire services never used to exist so everyone had to use buckets of water to try and put the fire out! It destroyed many buildings, which were later rebuilt from brick instead of wood.

Early Monday Morning



Buildings were very close together so the fire spread very quickly, especially with the added help of the wind! People had to carry their belongings to safety using boats on the River Thames.

Late Monday Morning



Carts were banned from going near the fire.

Monday Evening



The fire spread very close to the Tower of London.

Tuesday



St. Paul's Cathedral was destroyed in the fire.

Wednesday



The fire started to burn more slowly as the wind died down.

Thursday



Because the wind had died down and many houses were pulled down to stop the fire spreading, the fire stopped. Luckily, only six people died but thousands of people were left homeless, lost their business or lost many of their possessions.



Why did the fire spread so quickly?

- What happened during the Great Fire? Let's watch [here](#)
- Can you choose the reasons why the fire spread so quickly from those below?

It had been hot so not much water was left in the Thames

The houses were made of bricks.

The houses were made of wood and had straw roofs.

It was very windy.

Fire fighters had hoses and plenty of water to use.

There was no fire brigade.

The houses were very close together.

It was raining heavily.

In what order did events happen?



- Can you create a timeline of the Great Fire of London?
- In pairs place the events in order on your timeline.



Now share your timelines!



Can you describe the events of the Great Fire of London in order?



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