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The Great Fire of London

In 1666, a huge fire swept through London, destroying thousands of buildings. The disaster became known as the Great Fire of London.

The fire began in a bakery on Pudding Lane. At the time, many buildings in London were made of wood and stood very close together. Strong winds helped the flames spread quickly from one building to another. The fire burned for several days. People rushed to escape while others tried to save their belongings. Firefighters did not have modern fire engines, so stopping the flames was extremely difficult. Eventually, the fire was brought under control, but much of the city had been destroyed. Thousands of people lost their homes, and many important buildings were damaged or burned down.

After the fire, parts of London were rebuilt. New rules encouraged people to construct buildings using brick and stone instead of wood. Streets were also made wider in some areas.

The Great Fire caused enormous damage, but it also changed the way parts of London were built.



1. What is the passage mostly about?

2. What are two important facts about how the fire spread?

3. Why is the rebuilding of London important to include in a summary?

4. Which detail is more important for a summary: the fire began on Pudding Lane or thousands of people lost their homes? Why?

5. Write one sentence that summarises the passage.



Answers

1. The passage is mostly about the Great Fire of London, the damage it caused and how London changed afterward.
2. The buildings were made of wood and stood close together, and strong winds helped the fire spread quickly.
3. Because the fire led to changes in how buildings and streets were designed to make the city safer.
4. Thousands of people losing their homes is more important because it shows how much damage the fire caused.
5. The Great Fire of London destroyed much of the city in 1666 and led to changes in the way London was rebuilt.