

## The Great Fire of Northampton 20<sup>th</sup> September 1675



Key Places	
Northampton	A town in England.
St Mary's Street	Where the great fire started.
All Saints Church	A Christian place of worship that was razed to the ground and rebuilt with help from King Charles II.
Welsh House	The only building on Market Square not to be burnt as it was made of stone.

Key Vocabulary	
primary source	Comes from a person who experienced it.
secondary source	Created after the event by someone who wasn't there.
eyewitness	A person who has seen something and can give a description of it.
embers	Small pieces of glowing coal or wood in a dying fire.
fire-hooks	Giant hooks used to pull down houses.
firebreak	When buildings are destroyed to make a gap so the fire cannot spread.
flammable	When something burns easily.
razed	Completely destroyed.

Key People	
King Charles II	The king at the time of the fire who had St Paul's Cathedral rebuilt.

Timeline of 20 <sup>th</sup> September 1675			
The fire started around lunchtime when a spark from an open fire on St Mary's Street jumped out and fire to its surroundings.	Around 4pm, the strong winds helped the fire spread to nearby houses.	At 5pm, the buildings on the Market Square were alight.	By 8pm, the fire had destroyed around 700 homes and left many homeless.

