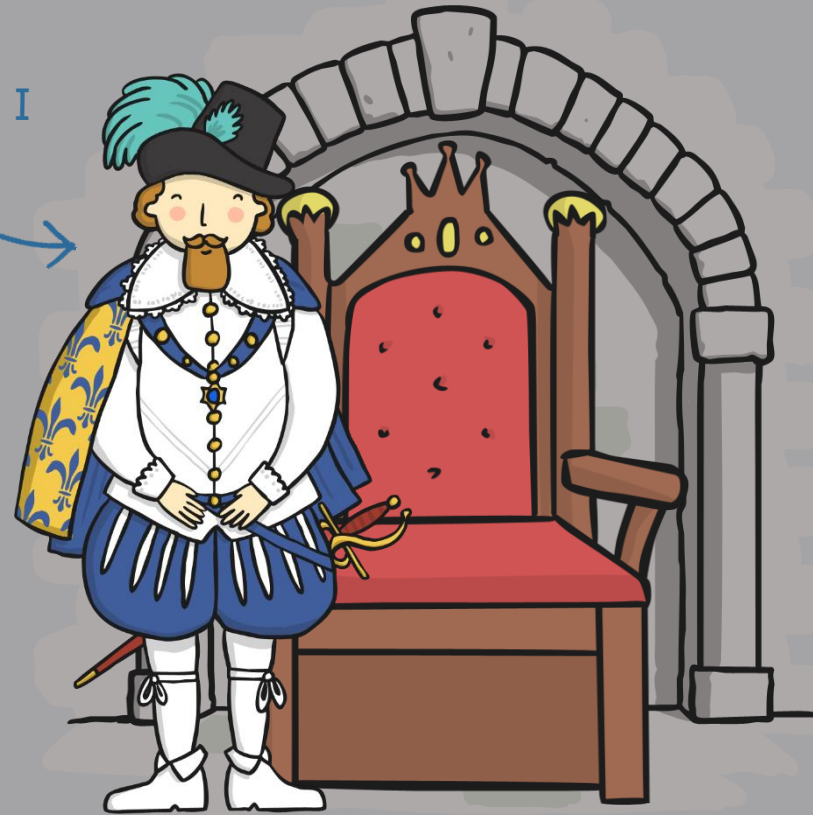


The Gunpowder Plot



King James I



In 1605 King James I was the King of England. However, some people wanted to overthrow the throne because, under his rule, England was a Protestant country and some people wanted the country to be Catholic.

Guy Fawkes

Robert Catesby



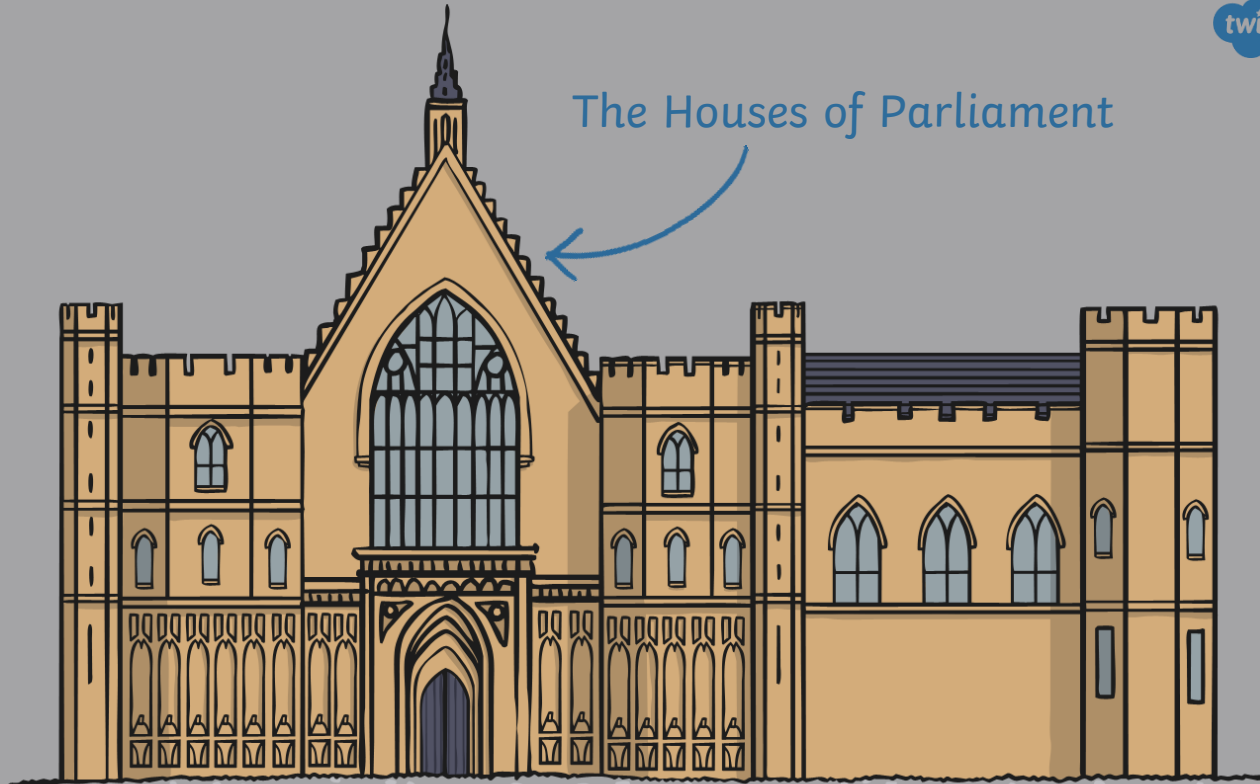
One of these groups of Catholics included a man called Guy Fawkes and his friends. They plotted to blow up the Houses of Parliament, hoping to return England to the Catholic faith.

Barrels of gunpowder!

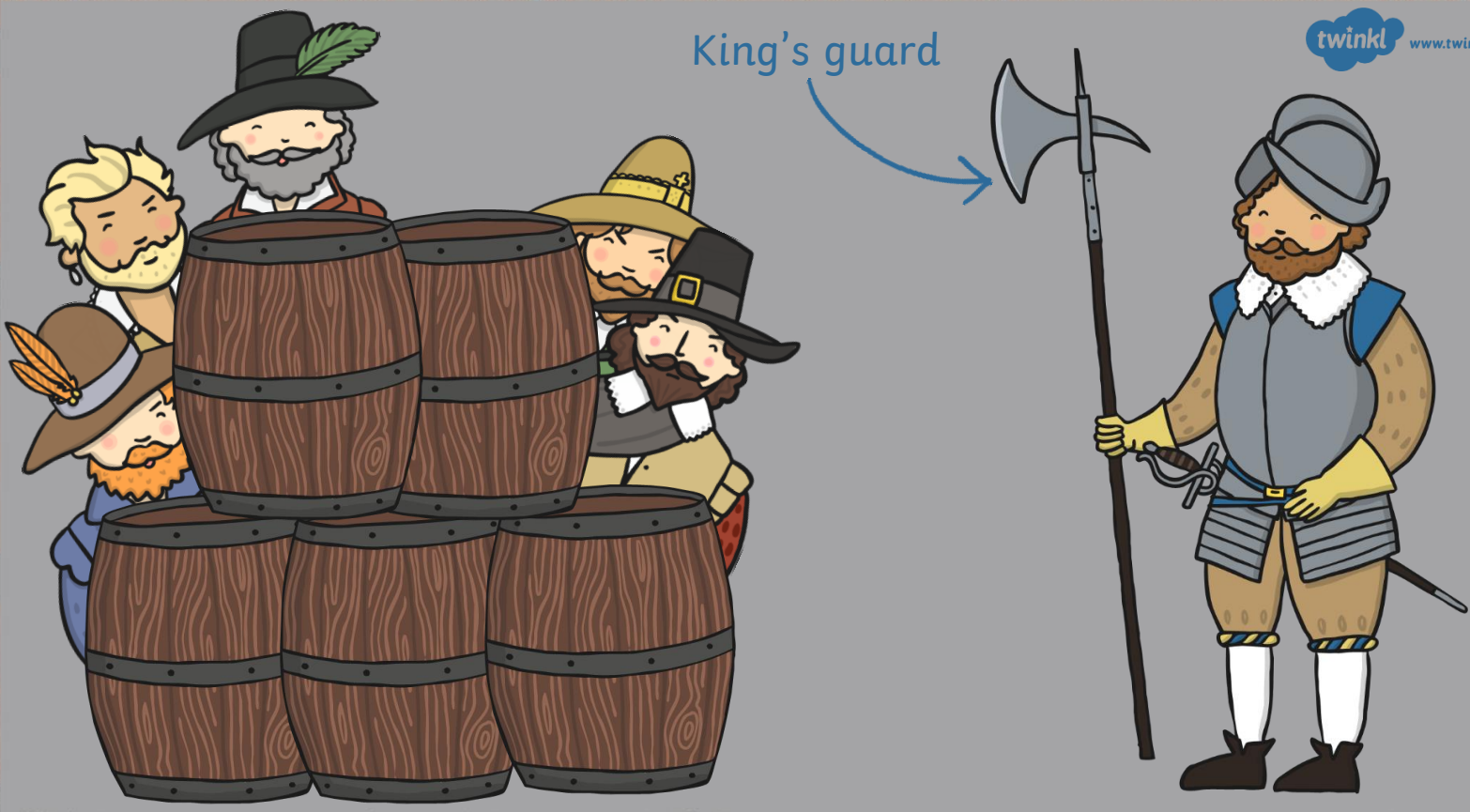


They decided to use the gunpowder to blow up the houses of Parliament, with the King and his government inside. With the King out of the way, England would be Catholic again.

The Houses of Parliament

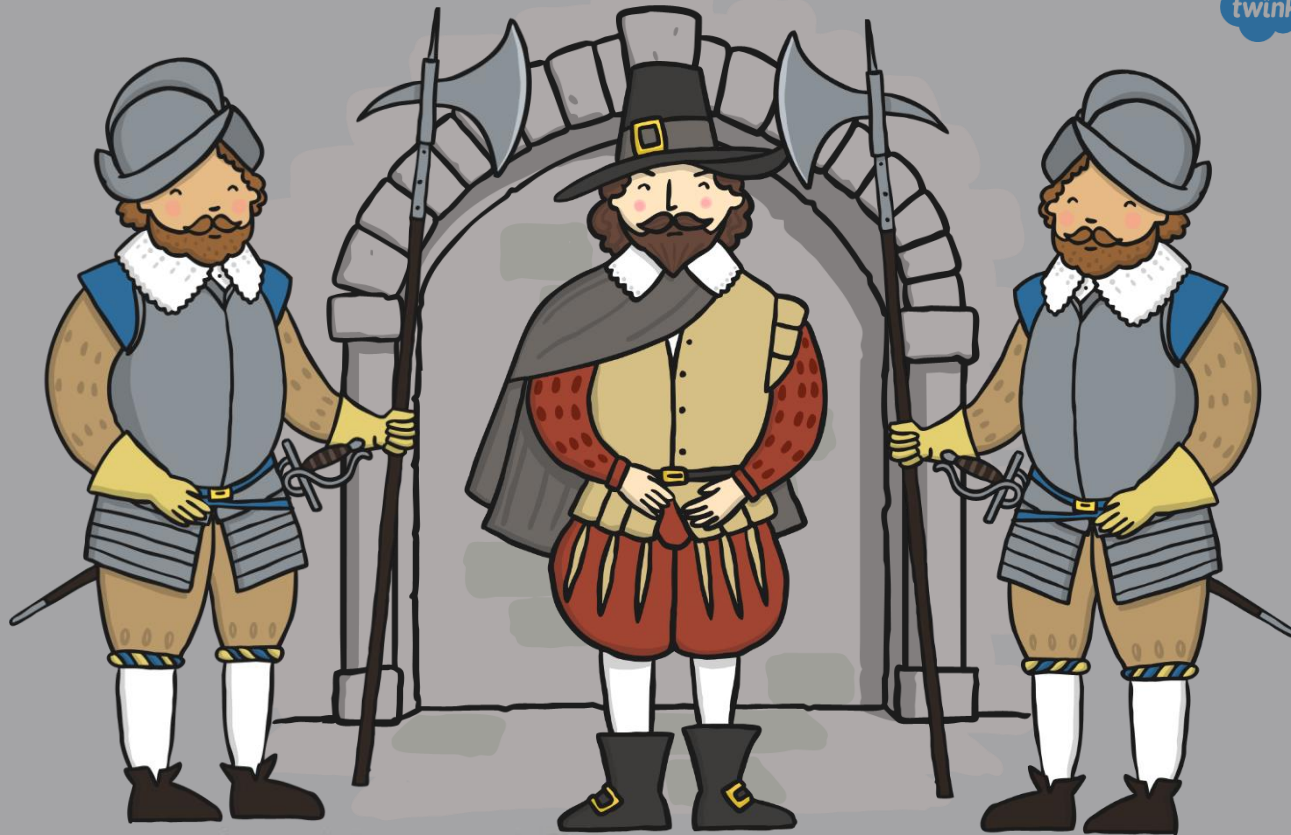


Robert Catesby, Guy Fawkes and their friends put thirty six barrels of gunpowder in the cellars of the House of Parliament on the 5th of November and waited to put the plan in action.



King's guard

However, the plan did not work! A letter written to the brother-in-law of one of the plotters was discovered by one of the King's followers and Guy Fawkes was found hiding in the cellars with the gunpowder barrels.



Guy Fawkes was arrested for treason. He was tortured until he confessed to trying to blow up the Houses of Parliament, the King and his government. Following his confession, he was executed!



Following the failure of the plot, The King decided that on 5th of November every year from that day we would remember the Gunpowder Plot. He declared we would celebrate the failure of Guy Fawkes' plan.



In commemoration of the failure of Gunpowder Plot, every year we light fireworks, burn bonfires and put a model of Guy Fawkes on top. So, remember, remember the 5th of November! Gunpowder, treason and plot!