

He was the son of Mary Queen of Scots and had been brought up a Protestant



King James I of Scotland replaced Elizabeth 1 on the throne. He was now King of England Scotland & Wales



PROTESTANTS were therefore happy at James becoming King



CATHOLICS, on the other hand, were worried but hoped that James would let them worship freely



HOWEVER, James quickly found he could make money by fining Catholics for not attending Protestant church services. This netted him £10million

Soon it looked as if James was going to go further and outlaw the Catholic religion altogether!



The Winter brothers could speak many languages and were spies - working out where the King was



There were 13 plotters altogether

Robert Catesby led the group. He had good leadership skills

Guy (or Guido) Fawkes was the Explosives expert

RELIGION UNDER JAMES

Religion was James first big issue

Religion had swung back and forth over the past century between Protestant and Catholic Kings & Queens

BACKGROUND

WHAT HAPPENED?

WHAT WAS THE GUNPOWDER PLOT?



WHO WERE THE PLOTTERS?

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The Plotters aimed to smuggle gunpowder under the Houses of Parliament.

They wanted to blow up King James 1 and his Parliament (which was mostly Protestant)



They aimed to replace King James with his daughter Elizabeth, controlling her actions especially towards the Catholic religion

The first attempt at digging a tunnel under Parliament failed: Water started to leak in They needed a plan B!



On the night of the 5th November 1605 Fawkes sneaked into the cellar where the 36 barrels of gunpowder had been hidden, awaiting him

HOWEVER, the plan by this stage had already went wrong!

One of the plotters had tried to warn a relative, LORD MONTEAGLE, who was due to be in Parliament, not to attend.



They told them to devise an excuse not to attend Parliament and warned that the Parliament would receive a terrible blow but would not see where it had come from!

Sensing the danger of a plot and probably eager not to get blamed, Monteagle sent the letter to LORD CECIL - The Kings chief advisor and spy master



Cecil ordered the cellars to be checked before the King arrived On the second search they found a man

The man had on him a Lantern, matches and a watch.. He said his name was JOHN JOHNSON



Guy Fawkes was sent to the Tower of London There he was horribly tortured. After the rack he gave his real name After 6 days he was broken and gave the names of his gang

The rest of the gang had fled to the West Midlands

They had hidden in Holbeche House but were discovered when some of their gunpowder exploded! Many of them including Catesby were killed in the shootout

Fawkes and many of his coconspirator survivors were Hung Drawn and Quartered This means they were hanged in public until nearly dead They were then cut down and were cut open Their organs were burnt in front of them Finally, their body was cut into pieces to be displayed as a warning across the Kingdom