

# History of London Timeline

Cut out the following cards and glue them in the correct order on the timeline.

## AD 60

### The Roman's London

The settlement was destroyed by Queen Boudica but the Romans spent the next ten years building and expanding the town. The Romans settled here until the 5<sup>th</sup> century.

## 18<sup>th</sup> Century

### A Victorian London

Due to its trading links, Britain and London became very powerful with goods from all over the world being imported.

During the 18<sup>th</sup> century and Queen Victoria's reign, the population of London expanded and many of the buildings we still see in London today were built during the Victorian times.

## 11<sup>th</sup> Century

### London Alone

Londinium was left abandoned after the decline of the Roman Empire until the 11<sup>th</sup> century when the Anglo-Saxons took it over.

## 5<sup>th</sup> – 7<sup>th</sup> Century

### St. Paul's Cathedral

When this impressive church was built, it was the tallest building in London. However, it had to be rebuilt after a huge fire in London.

## 14<sup>th</sup> Century

### The Great Plague

London lost 100 000 people, almost a quarter of its population due to the Black Death. This was a terrible disease that was spread by bites from infected rat fleas. The name comes from the victim's neck, armpits and thighs turning black.

## 1485 – 1603

### Tudor Times

During the time of the Tudors, most of London was still fields. The Tudors built palaces there and made deer parks for them to hunt in.

## 1066

### The Tower of London

The first stone built castle in England was built by William the Conqueror to guard London. This was used as a place for punishing any citizens who disobeyed London's laws. It has also been used as a palace, a zoo, a weapons store, a prison and a place where coins were made.

## 2000

### The London Eye

This iconic Ferris wheel, opened to mark the Millennium right on the edge of the River Thames, gives far reaching views over the city.

**1863**

### **The London Underground**

A complicated maze of underground trains transformed the city and its people. The Underground was so impressive and there was nothing else like it so the idea was taken across the world including to Paris and New York.

**AD 43**

### **London Located**

The early Romans established an area known as Londinium which was conveniently located with easy access to Europe and had a good supply of water from the River Thames.

**20<sup>th</sup> Century**

### **Damage and Expansion**

Unfortunately, there was lots of damage to London due to bombings during the Second World War including to St. Paul's Cathedral.

London once again expanded and many big department stores such as Harrods and Selfridges were built.

**1834**

### **Houses of Parliament Fire**

200 years after Guy Fawkes tried to blow up the Houses of Parliament, an accidental fire spread through the main building leaving only Westminster Hall undamaged. The replacement was built ten years later and still remains there today.

**1605**

### **The famous Gunpowder Plot**

Guy Fawkes tried to blow up the Houses of Parliament. His aim was to kill the entire Protestant Government including King James I who was due to attend Parliament that day. However, his plot was unsuccessful and he was arrested, tried and sentenced to death.

**1599**

### **The Globe Theatre**

This famous theatre is where many of William Shakespeare's plays were performed. However, in 1613, it was burnt down by a staged cannon fire in one of his plays. Today, a new 1990s Globe Theatre, close to the original building, still holds performances of Shakespeare's plays.

**1665**

### **The Great Fire of London**

A fire broke out in a baker's shop which quickly spread with devastating effects on London. 70% of the buildings in London were burnt down due to them being made of wood. It is thought that 70 000 out of the 80 000 homes were lost. A huge rebuild of the city got underway but this time out of bricks instead of wood.

**2005**

### **Terror Attack**

four deadly bombs exploded on buses and trains causing the deaths of 52 people and severely injuring over 700 others. Since this terror attack, London has remained on a high terror alert even to this day.