

# Who were the people behind the Gunpowder plot?

## Guy Fawkes

Guy Fawkes is the name most associated with the Gunpowder Plot. Guy Fawkes was born in **York** in 1570. Recruited as the gunpowder expert, he was the one caught red-handed in the basement storeroom under the House of Lords with the barrels of gunpowder on the 5 November 1605. He has become our Bonfire Night 'celebrity'.



## Who were the other men involved?

### Robert Catesby

Robert Catesby was born around 1572 in **Lapworth**, Warwickshire. He was the charismatic mastermind behind the Gunpowder Plot.

### John and Christopher Wright

John (born 1568) and Christopher (born 1570) were from **Welwick**, Yorkshire. These brothers were viewed as dangerous Catholics by the authorities before they had even been drawn into the plot.

## **Thomas Percy**

Thomas Percy was born around 1560 in **Beverley**, Yorkshire. Thomas was a violent, wild character. He was married to Christopher and John's sister, Martha and came from a very wealthy, powerful family.

## **Francis Tresham**

Francis Tresham was born in 1567 in **Rushton**, Northamptonshire. Francis was perhaps the most reluctant of the conspirators, and he may have sent the Monteagle letter warning his brother-in-law not to attend Parliament on the 5 November 1605.

## **Thomas and Robert Winter**

Thomas Winter was among the first to be drawn into the plot. His brother Robert was recruited later. It was Thomas who tried to get the conspirators to abandon the plot when he realised that it had been discovered. The Winter brothers were born in **Huddington**, Worcestershire.

## Using Maps

The Gunpowder Plot conspirators were born all around England.

Use the internet to help label London and all of the places the conspirators were born.



## Google Maps

Using Google Maps, find the information and complete the following table:

<b>Conspirator</b>	<b>Place of Birth</b>	<b>Distance from London (in miles)</b>
Guy Fawkes		
Robert Catesby		
John and Christopher Wright		
Thomas Percy		
Francis Tresham		
Thomas and Robert Winter		

**Who was born closest to London?**

**Who was born furthest from London?**

**How would the conspirators have travelled to London in the early 17<sup>th</sup> Century?**

**Use the information on the previous page to plot a graph showing the distance from London that each conspirator was born.**

