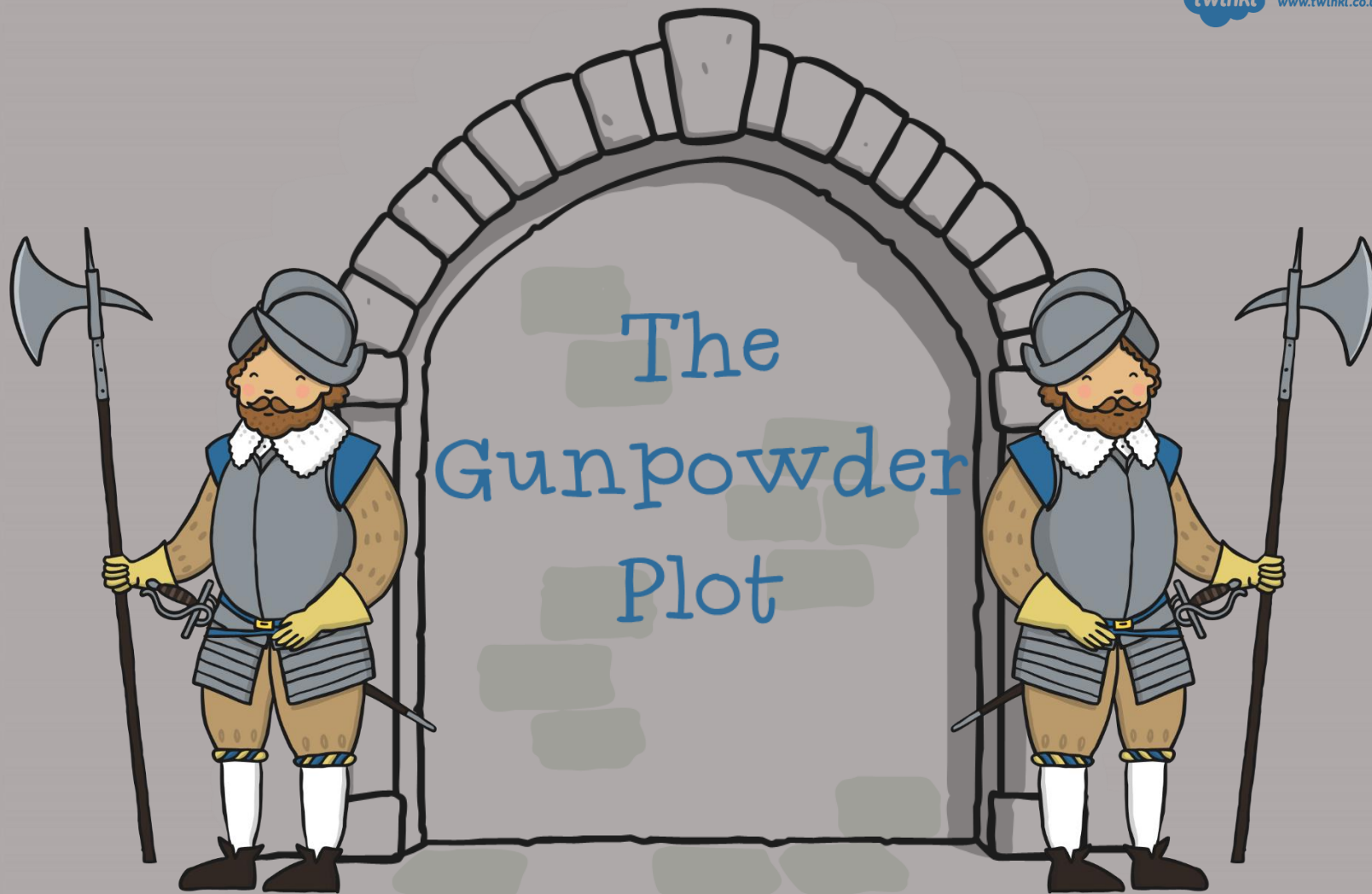




King James I



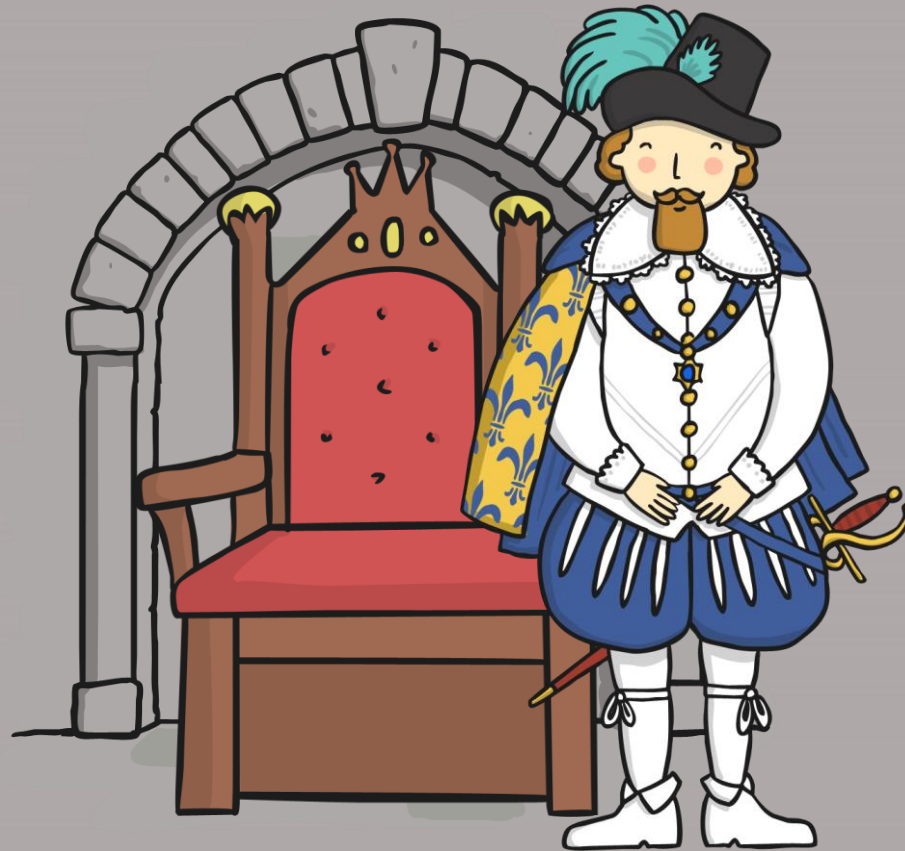
In 1605 King James I was the King of England. However, some people did not like him as, under his rule, England was a Protestant country and some people were Catholic.

Guy Fawkes

Guy Fawkes' friends

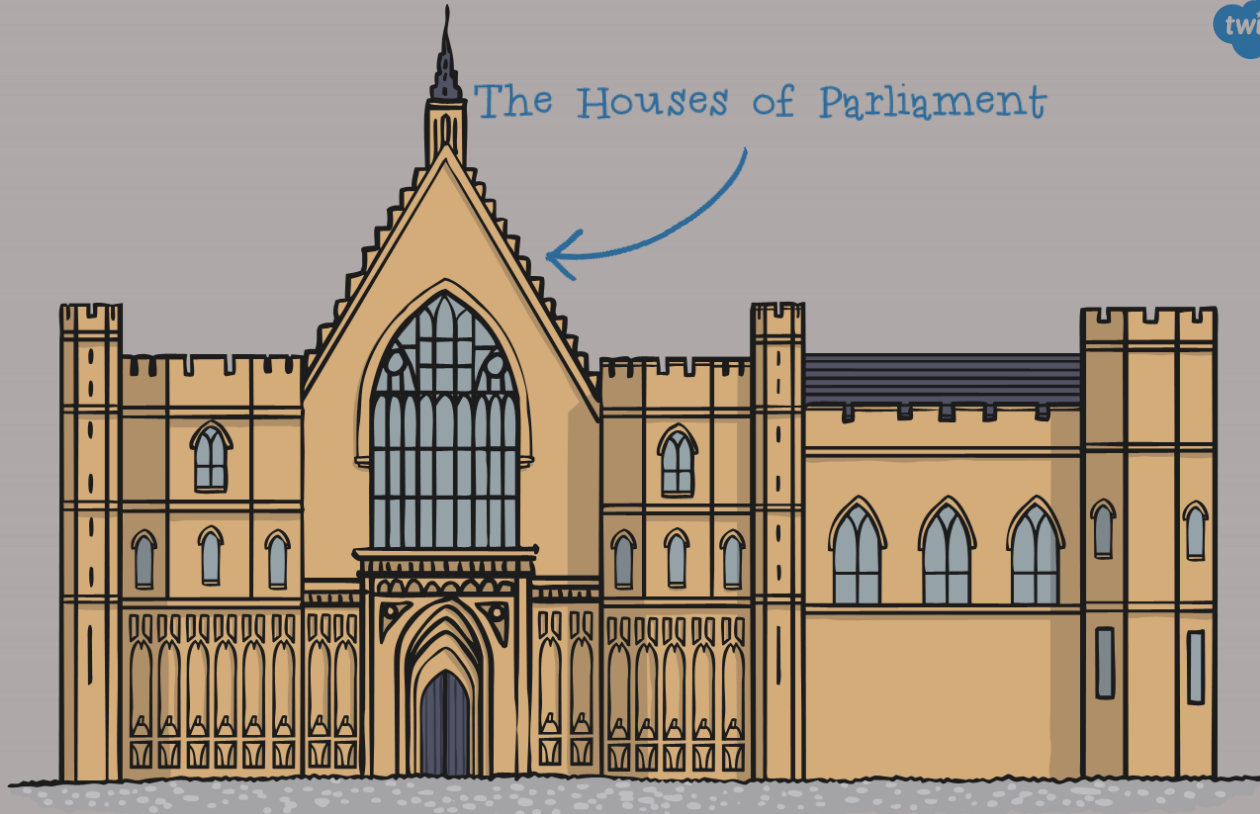


A man called Guy Fawkes and his friends plotted to blow up the Houses of Parliament with the King and his government inside.



They decided to use gunpowder to blow up underneath the King's chair. Their plan was to cause an enormous explosion!

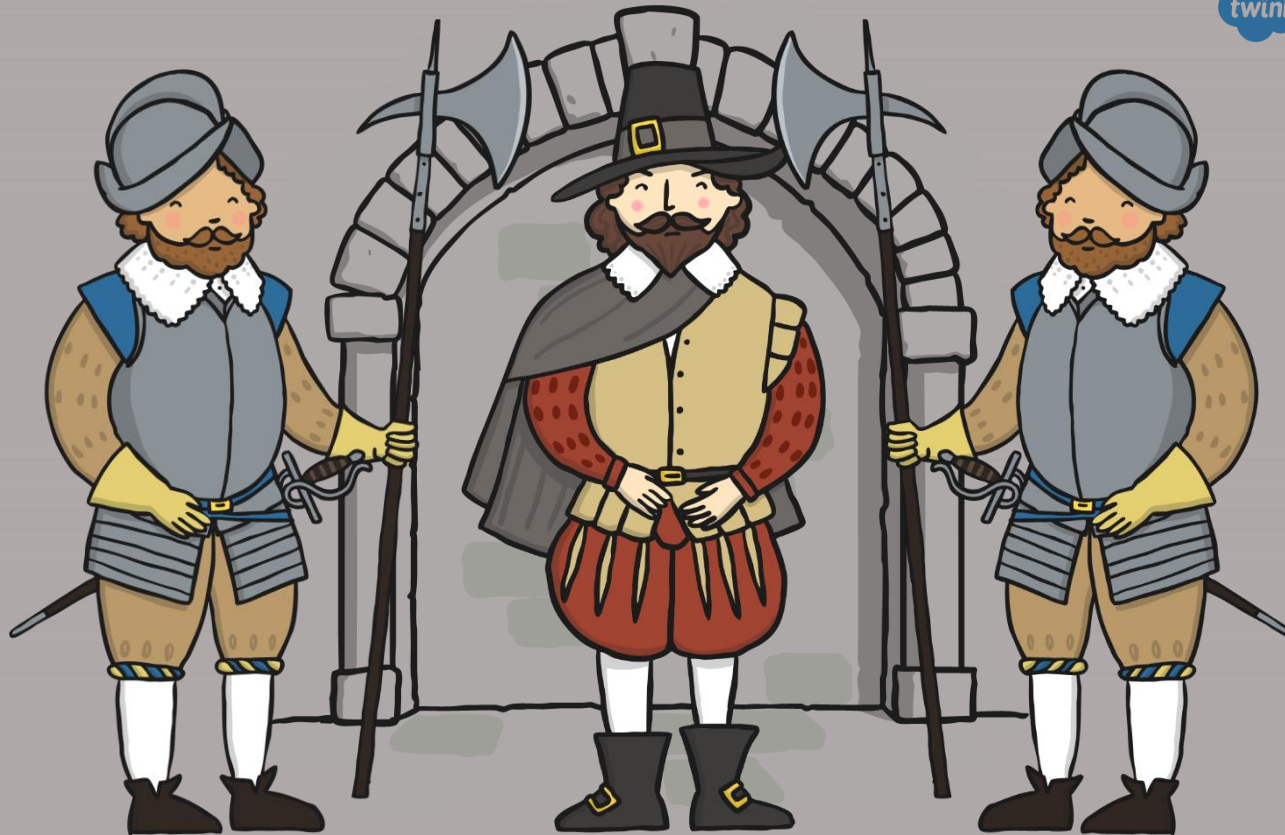
The Houses of Parliament



Thirty six barrels of gunpowder were put in the cellars of the Houses of Parliament on the 5th of November.



However, the plan did not work! The barrels were found by the King's guards and Guy Fawkes and his friends were arrested for trying to kill the King.



Guy Fawkes and his friends were put into prison for trying to blow up the King and the Houses of Parliament.



The King decided that on the 5th of November every year from that day we would remember the Gunpowder Plot and how Guy Fawkes' plan failed!



Every year we burn bonfires and put a model of Guy Fawkes on top. We light fireworks and sparklers and celebrate the failure of the Gunpowder Plot.