

The Diary of Samuel Pepys

Sunday 2nd September 1666



Dear Diary,

My maid, Jane, called up to me early this morning to tell me there was a big fire burning in the city. It was far away so I went back to sleep. When I got up this morning, I saw the fire out of my window but it was still far away. Jane came to tell me the fire began in a bakery on Pudding Lane and 300 houses had been burned down. She was very worried and I began to panic. The fire is spreading and I am afraid my house will be burned down!

Monday 3rd September 1666

Dear Diary,

The fire is still getting bigger! I am very scared because it is getting closer to my house! Today, I hid all my money in the cellar. I hope it is hidden deep enough so that it will be safe from the fire.



Tuesday 4th September 1666

Dear Diary,

The awful fire continues! Early this morning, I put all my most expensive things in a cart and took them to my friend's house. I was in such a hurry I didn't even get dressed. I just wore my nightgown! On the way, I saw lots of people running away from the fire. I hope this fire doesn't get any worse. If it does, I will dig a hole in the garden and bury my bottles of wine and cheese to keep them safe.



Questions

1. Where did the fire begin? Tick one.

☐ Cake Street

☐ Pudding Lane

☐ Bread Pond

2. Draw lines to match these sentences.

Samuel Pepys hid

to his friend's house.

Samuel Pepys took his expensive things

all his money in the cellar.

Samuel Pepys was afraid

his house would burn down.

3. Number the events below to show the order in which they happened in the diary. The first one has been done for you.

	Samuel hides all his money in the cellar.
1	Samuel sees the fire out of his window.
	Samuel begins to panic.
	Samuel takes his things to his friend's house.

4. Find and copy one word that shows what Samuel Pepys thinks of the fire.

5. What do you think Samuel Pepys will do on Wednesday 5th September 1666?
