

What was life like in 17th century London?

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1 Watch the video

Answer these questions about London in the 17th century:

- How long ago was 1666?
- What was the king's name?
- What were London's streets like?
- True or false: London was the smallest city in England.
- In which month did the Great Fire happen?

2 Read about life in 17th century London and fill in the gaps with the right words.

London in the 17th century was very **d** _____
from today. There had been civil wars and a revolution.
Then Charles II had been crowned **k** _____.
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Answers

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Answer these questions about London in the 17th century:

- How long ago was 1666?
More than 350 years
- What was the king's name?
Charles II
- What were London's streets like?
Narrow, crowded, dirty
- True or false: London was the smallest city in England.
False
- In which month did the Great Fire happen?
September



2

Read about life in 17th century London and fill in the gaps with the right words.

London in the 17th century was very **different** from today. There had been civil wars and a revolution. Then Charles II had been crowned **king**. A terrible illness called the **plague** had killed lots of people in 1665. By 1666, life in London was getting back to normal.

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