

### Guided Reading

This week's topic is 'History' and we would like to focus on the Great Fire of London. Have a look at the list of 17<sup>th</sup> century jobs below. Now have a go at answering these questions.

## List of 17<sup>th</sup> Century Jobs

I can find out some of the ways in which how we live now is different and similar to how people lived in 1666.

Job	Description
Chimney Sweep	Cleaned chimneys and fireplaces. Children were often used as apprentices because they were small.
Apothecary/Herbalist	An apothecary dispensed remedies made from herbs, plants and roots.
Blacksmith	The blacksmith was a very important, but lowly occupation. Blacksmiths forged objects from iron or steel. They would sharpen weapons or repair cooking utensils.
Rat-catcher	Rat-catchers caught rats around the city.
Gong Farmer	Cleaned out toilets, removing human waste from privies and cesspits.
Spinster	A woman who supported herself by spinning wool and linen.
Chandler	Made and sold candles.
Carpenter	Made all types of furniture and wooden items. Regarded as a master craftsman.
Fire Fighter	There was no organised fire brigade. Fire fighting was very basic with little skill or knowledge involved. Leather buckets and axes were used to put out fires.
Scullery Maid	Scullery maids were the lowest ranked workers in the kitchen. They cleaned the floors, stoves, sinks, pots and dishes.

1. What did Blacksmiths make objects out of?

A – plastic

B – clay

C – iron

2. What did a chandler make?

A - boats

B – candles

C – furniture

3. Who made remedies and medicines out of plants?

A – A chandler.

B – A spinster.

C – An apothecary.

4. Why were children often used as chimney sweeps?

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5. What two things were used to put out fires ?

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6. Where do you think the scullery maid would spend most of her time?

Explain why you think this.

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**Challenge question**

7. What do you think the worst job was and why? Explain your reasons using the text.

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