

Gunpowder plot and treason were the catholics framed essay



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Source one suggests that the government were behind the plot, this can be seen from, " Foul play" and " government secretly spun a web. " It also suggests that they entrapped the men into acting like they planned it. This can be seen from, " Entangled these poor gentlemen. " This paragraph makes the reader believe that the government planned the plot to make Catholics look bad. From source one you can infer that this particular catholic believes that the government planned this to frame Catholics. This source cannot be completely trustworthy because the author of it is Catholic so he could be being more favourable to the Catholics side.

Source five and source one both agree on the dates, both sources five and one are dated in 1605, they also both involve people of a high authority. However, Source one suggests the government were behind the plot but source five suggests that the plot was organised by someone who has no power or is not an official. There are almost no similarities between source five and source six however one key detail is the dates: source five and source six agree that Mounteagle got involved on 26th/27th October. Source five and source six have many differences.

Again the facts shown source six suggest that the government knew about the plot long before they did anything about it. Also source five suggests the plot was organised by someone outside the government, but source six suggests it could only have been someone with a great amount of power, someone such as a member of parliament. Source two suggests that Guy Had to be forced into " confessing" this is suggested because the degree of torture had to increase. However it also indicates that the king did not know about the treason so had to force it out of Guy.

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Source three says that he was going to blow the houses of parliament up later in the meeting, after the king had arrived, this could be taken that the King planned this to make it look like the plotters were against the King. It then says, " So it might blow up a quarter of an hour later," This could be that it was a member of parliament who organised the plot and by giving time for it to blow up it gave them a chance of escaping from the Houses of Parliament. However, this could also be seen that he said, " might" to try and make it seem indefinite so he may get a less cruel punishment.

Source four is very useful because the signature changes so it seems that it was not actually Guy Fawkes' real signature on the confession. However this could also be seen that he was in too much pain to write properly. It is very limiting because although you can get some you cannot get much information from source two: two signatures. Most of the sources give information that could suggest that Guy Fawkes and the Catholics were framed. Source one has lots of information suggesting that the Gunpowder plot was planned to frame the Catholics.

A few examples of this suggestion are: " Foul play" and " The government secretly spun a web" also " entangle these poor gentlemen. " These phrases suggest the government set up this treason to make Catholics look bad.

Source two also could suggest that the Government planned the plot, this can be seen because, He has to use torture to make Guy Fawkes ' confess'. However this could also be seen that the king had to get the truth out of Guy because he did not know. Source three disagrees with the " Guy Fawkes' and the Catholics were framed" theory because it is a confession that he did do it.

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Source three agrees with the traditional story. Source four is two signatures one is Guy's normal signature the other is the signature on the confession. This could be seen that the signature on Guy's confession was forged, however it could also be that Guy was in too much pain from being tortured to do his normal signature. Source five is a letter received by Lord Mounteagle on the only night he was at his London house in 1605 this suggests that it must have been somebody close to Lord Mounteagle to know the day he was at his London home and to want to warn him about the plot.

Source six is a list of facts about what happened and information about gunpowder at the time. Source six agrees with the 'Guy Fawkes' was framed' Theory this is shown because most of the facts imply that the government were involved in some way for example all gunpowder was kept in the tower of London at the time so only someone with high power could have got the gunpowder used in the plot. Also the gunpowder used was stored in the cellar next to the houses of parliament, but this cellar was rented by John Whynniard, a king's official and friend of Cecil.

This could indicate that Whynniard was involved he was someone with a great deal of power, so it could have been organised by him. Again it is brought up that Lord Mounteagle told the King about the letter he received (Source five) on the October 27th but the King took no action until the November 4th. This could have been because he was involved and wanted to leave it to the last minute to make him seem even better when he 'discovered' the plot. The government knew were the plotters were they

rounded them all upon the 7th November and although none of the plotters tried to escape some were shot.

This could have been because the people shot were putting the government at risk by threatening to tell. Only Francis Tresham was left free all the others were killed or captured quickly but he was left free until December 12th when he was taken to the Tower and died of a mysterious illness on December 23rd. This could have been because Francis was not a threat to the government but then his name was found out and they had to capture him or else it would look suspicious.