

**SOCIAL AND CULTURAL HISTORY OF BRITAIN:
HISTORY OF TUDORS AND STUARTS
MODULE-1**

**The Origin and growth of Political parties,
Great Plague, Great fire in Britain**

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The Origin and growth of Political parties

- ▶ Round Heads (Royalists) – Cavaliers (Plt.)
- ▶ Court Party – Country Party
- ▶ Petitioners – Abhorrrers
- ▶ Torry – Whigs –
Walpole
- ▶ Robert Peel, Disraeli Fox & Gray,
Gladstone
- ▶ Conservatives Liberals
- ▶ Formed Labour Party & reduced the strength
of the Liberals –



The Great Plague of London–1665

- ▶ The insanitary condition of the capital
- ▶ Regular occurrence of pestilence
- ▶ Half a million people living in it
- ▶ The plague of 1665 devastated London– deserted city–hundred thousand people died in six months– left a permanent scar.
- ▶ Thomas Vincent–
- ▶ Defoe–
- ▶ Samuel Pepys–



The Great Fire of London–1666

- ▶ It was a disaster– caused great damage– unparalleled in the history of England–
- ▶ Samuel Pepys– detailed account given
- ▶ It raged for five days and burnt up half of London– The heart of the city from Tower to Fleet Street(place of Printing newspaper)was consumed by the fire.
- ▶ Old St. Paul's and other 88 churches were destroyed. The wretched slums were not touched by fire–Both the govt.& people nothing do in time to arrest its progress . Disaster was a blessing in disguise– destroyed the old wooden structures– get golden chance for **ChristopherWren** to rebuild the city in brick & stone– St.Pauls still bear testimony for the skill of master builder.



THANK YOU

