

The Diary of Samuel Pepys

Comprehension Questions

Name _____

1. Why did Pepys, Bruncker, and Minnes go to the vestry?
2. What did Pepys and his friends agree on new “orders” (laws) to do?
3. What was Pepys’s reaction to Alderman Hooker’s story?
4. What reason did Pepys have to be optimistic on September 14, 1665?
5. Who were the people that Pepys heard were dead on September 14, 1665?
6. What did Pepys do to avoid “melancholy” on September 14, 1665?
7. How did Pepys learn of the London fire on September 2, 1666?
8. What did Pepys do immediately when he heard that a fire broke out on September 2, 1666?
9. What did the King command Pepys to tell the Lord Mayor to do on September 2, 1666?
10. What is Pepys’s tone and attitude toward the displaced people he sees (p. 508)?
11. How did Pepys say that the London fire differed from an ordinary fire?
12. What did Pepys do to protect his most precious belongings as the fire raged through London?