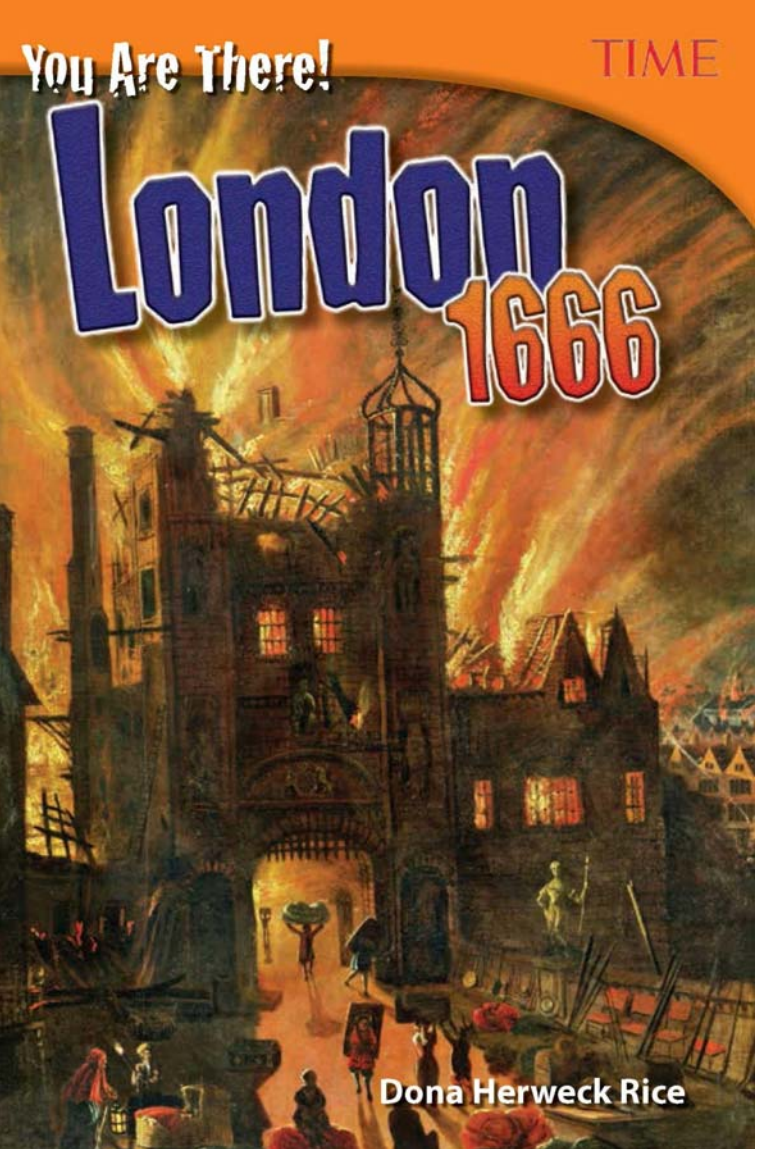


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Warm London Night, 1666

A hot, dry breeze **wafts** the yeasty scent of baking bread down Pudding Lane. Most residents of the city sleep inside the tightly packed homes that line London's narrow, cobbled streets. But in the stifling **byways** on this September night, cats howl, rats scurry, and countless homeless citizens huddle in doorways and alleys. Though their lots in life are challenging, today they are grateful simply to be alive. Twenty percent of London's population has died over the past two years. A deadly and painful **plague** has ravaged the city throughout 1665 and even unto this date—September 2, 1666—a day that history will long remember.

Perilous Plague

About 100,000 Londoners died of the bubonic plague in 1665, making it one of the worst outbreaks in history. The plague traveled easily through the crowded, dirty city. An infected person first suffered intense, flu-like symptoms followed by painful swellings, or buboes, of the **lymph nodes**.

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