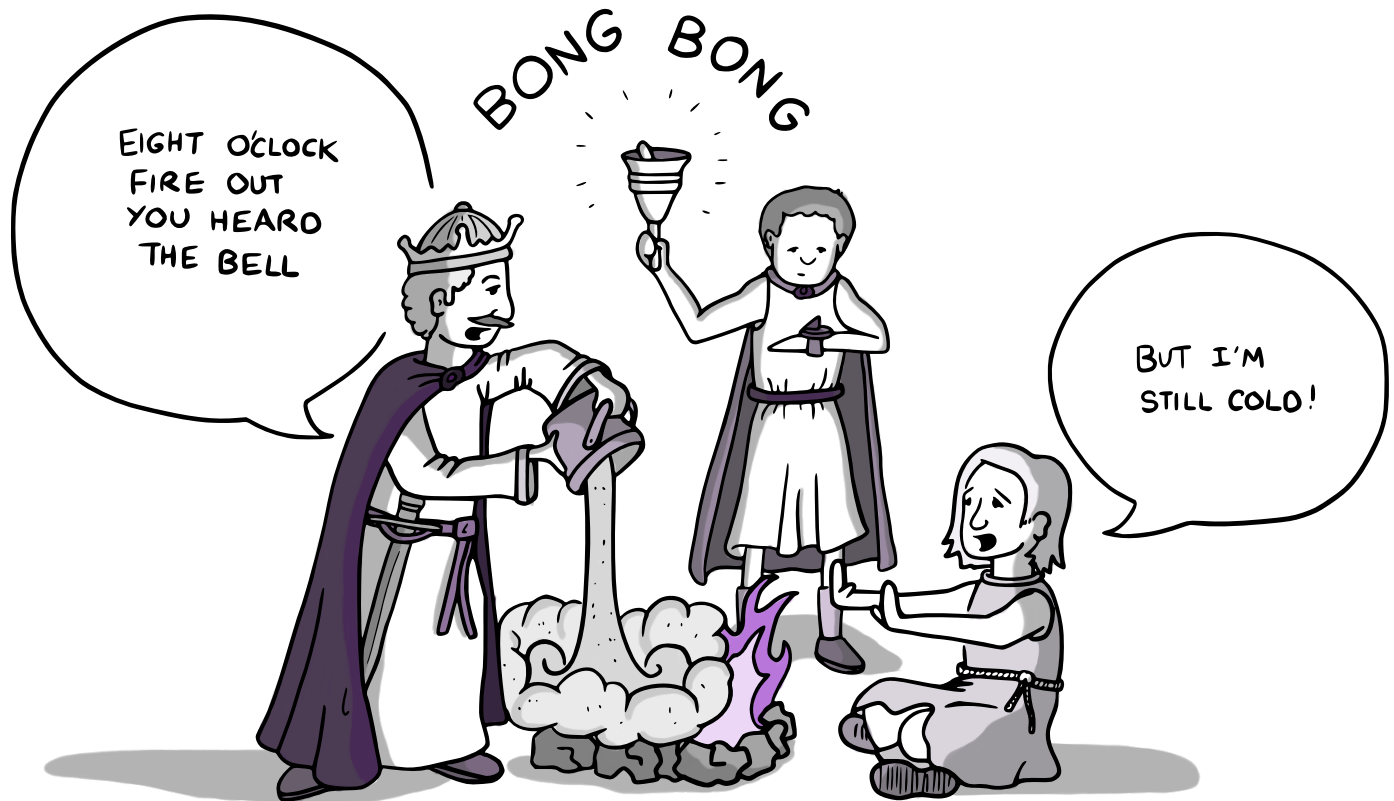


# FACT OF THE DAY #1

## WILLIAM THE CONQUEROR INVENTED THE CURFEW

During William the Conqueror's rule of England (1066-1087), house fires were a pretty common occurrence, often due to people leaving the fire to burn out while they slept. He therefore instigated a rule that a bell would be rung at 8pm, at which time all fires should be put out or covered. Being French, he called this rule "couvre-feu" or "cover fire". Over time this became "curfeu" and then finally "curfew".



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