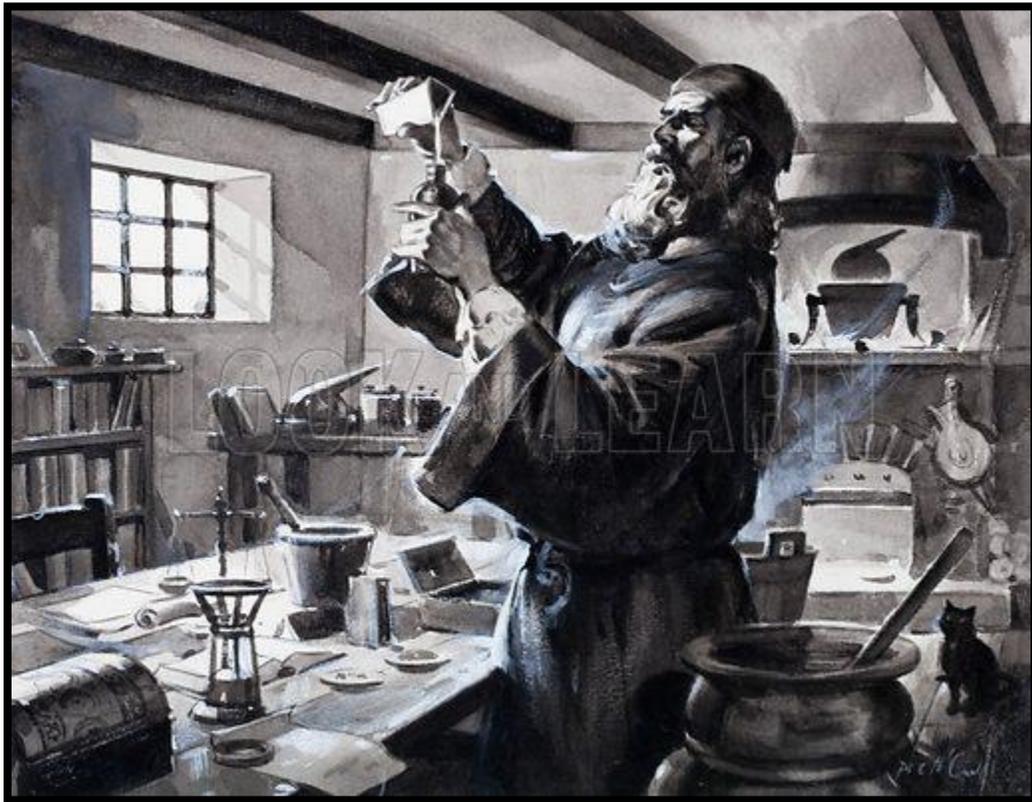


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GUNPOWDER

Although gunpowder was first invented and described in China, Bacon was the first in Europe to record its formula. He is credited with being the first Western intellectual to produce gunpowder after witnessing at least one demonstration of explosives from the Mongol Empire, but he kept the formula a secret lest it be used to harm anyone.



Roger Bacon making gunpowder