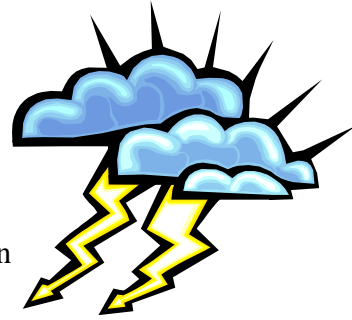


“Summer of Fire” Story Guide



Name _____

What were some of the conditions that led to the forest fires in Yellowstone in 1988? p. 279

- a. It was a _____ and _____ summer.
- b. The forests were _____ dry.
- c. There were _____ strikes.

What was the usual policy in Yellowstone regarding wildfires? p. 281

What does the graphic aid (map) on p. 281 show?

During 1988, Yellowstone had _____ as many lightning strikes as usual. P. 282

The cold fronts brought wind which fed _____ to the fires. p. 282

What does “sheets of flame” mean on p. 282?

On Black Saturday, how many acres of forests burned? p. 284

Although some of the fires were caused by lightning, the main reason for the fires in Yellowstone in 1988 was carelessness by _____.

As the North Fork fire was approaching the famous geyser, Old Faithful, the firefighters could hear the fire’s deep _____ and see a _____ wall of dark _____ towering towards them. pp. 284-285

Why didn’t the buildings around Old Faithful burn? p. 285

Why does Yellowstone need fires? p. 286 _____

How much of Yellowstone was NOT touched by fire? p. 285 _____

Do you think the park's policy on wildfires makes sense? Why or why not?

How do the pictures and captions help you understand help you better understand the story?

How do the author's descriptions help you understand what happened?

What did the author, Patricia Lauber, do to prepare for writing this book? P. 287

What does Ms. Lauber mean when she says, "Yellowstone Park was a showcase of how nature takes care of itself"? p. 287

Read "Smoke Jumpers". What is the job of a smoke jumper?

How do smoke jumpers use the natural landscape to fight wildfires (for example – rivers, creeks, and other land features)? pp. 288 - 289

Name at least three pieces of equipment used by smoke jumpers and tell what each is used for.

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.

How does the labeled picture of the smoke jumper on p. 291 help you understand better about the equipment that she uses?

Name two problems that can occur when a smoke jumper is learning how to land?