

“Our Beautiful Town Is Gone” Quiz

Directions: Read the feature “Our Beautiful Town Is Gone” in the September 2019 issue of *Storyworks*. Then fill in the bubble next to the best answer for each question below.

1. **What was the first sign of the wildfire for people living in Paradise?**
 - (A) burning buildings
 - (B) blocked roads
 - (C) sparks
 - (D) smoke
2. **Climate change has made wildfires _____.**
 - (A) easier to manage
 - (B) harder to control
 - (C) more predictable
 - (D) much brighter
3. **The wildfire was able to spread across the Feather River because of the _____.**
 - (A) dry grass
 - (B) tall trees
 - (C) wet ground
 - (D) strong wind
4. **What does the word *abandoned* mean in the phrase “cars abandoned by terrified drivers”?**
 - (A) set on fire
 - (B) broken
 - (C) left behind
 - (D) cleaned
5. **Which conclusion can you draw from “Our Beautiful Town Is Gone”?**
 - (A) People in Paradise care about each other.
 - (B) Forest fires cause little damage to towns.
 - (C) Wildfires have become less of a problem over the years.
 - (D) People only look out for themselves during an emergency.
6. **Which line from the article supports the answer to question 5?**
 - (A) “Schools, playgrounds, businesses, the hospital—all would be destroyed.”
 - (B) “But in recent years, America’s wildfires have become bigger and harder to fight.”
 - (C) “Kevin McKay, after six long hours, delivered his 22 students to a parking lot outside of town.”
 - (D) “In the months after the fire, the town of Paradise has remained mostly empty.”

Constructed Response

Directions: On a separate piece of paper, write your answer to each question in a well-organized response. Make sure you support your answers with information and details from the article.

7. **What are two descriptive details the author uses to help you feel as if you were in Paradise during the fire?**
8. **Briefly describe Eleanor Weddig’s experience from the time the fire started to now.**