



The San Francisco Earthquake and Fire

Tell the Tale

Chapter One of this book describes San Francisco as the massive earthquake hit. Write 200 words that tell the story of that frightening event. Describe the sights and sounds of the shock waves rolling through the city. Be sure to set the scene, develop a sequence of events, and write a conclusion.



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Surprise Me

The 1906 earthquake and resulting fires nearly destroyed San Francisco. After reading this book, what two or three facts about the earthquake and fires did you find most surprising? Write a few sentences about each fact. Why did you find them surprising?



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Dig Deeper

After reading this book, what questions do you still have about the 1906 earthquake and fires? Do you want to learn more about the people of San Francisco? Or about the city's rebuilding process? Write down one or two questions that can guide you in doing research. With an adult's help, find a few reliable sources about this time period that can help answer your questions. Write a few sentences about how you did your research and what you learned from it.



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Another View

This book has a lot of information about the 1906 earthquake and fires and how they affected San Francisco. As you know, every source is different. Ask a librarian or another adult to help you find another source about this event. Write a short essay comparing and contrasting the new source's point of view with that of this book's author. What is the point of view of each author? How are they similar and why? How are they different and why?