

Lesson Plan

Three Things

Book: *California Wildfires*

Series: 21st Century Disasters

Level: Beacon

Objective

To help students practice quickly finding key details in a text about wildfires.

Supplies

- *California Wildfires* book
- Three Things worksheet (attached)

Before the Activity

Print a copy of the Three Things worksheet for each student. Read Chapter 2 (“Understanding Wildfires”) of *California Wildfires* out loud, or assign it to students to read on their own.

Activity

Pass out the Three Things worksheet. Explain that the worksheet includes several sentences listing the main ideas from Chapter 2 of *California Wildfires*. But each sentence is missing three pieces. Students should use the information from the book to fill in the blanks. Some answers will be just one word long. Other answers are two words.

Evaluation

Use the attached answer key to give students 1 point for each correct answer, or up to 18 points.

Standards

This lesson may be used to address the Common Core State Standards’ reading standards for informational texts, grade 3 (RI 3.2, 3.5).

Three Things

Each of the following sentences is missing three pieces. If there is one blank, the missing piece is one word long. If there are two blanks, the answer is two words.

1. Wildfires are large fires that spread quickly through _____, _____, or _____.

2. Like all fires, wildfires need _____, _____, and _____ to burn.

3. Wildfires can start because of _____, _____, or _____.

4. Wildfires are also known as _____, _____, or _____.

5. Three things that increase chances of wildfires are _____, _____, and _____.

6. Wind can _____, _____, or _____.

Three Things ANSWER KEY

Each of the following sentences is missing three pieces. If there is one blank, the missing piece is one word long. If there are two blanks, the answer is two words.

1. Wildfires are large fires that spread quickly through bushes, grass, or trees.

2. Like all fires, wildfires need heat, fuel, and oxygen to burn.

3. Wildfires can start because of lightning, matches, or unattended campfires.

4. Wildfires are also known as forest fires, bush fires, or brush fires.

5. Three things that increase chances of wildfires are heat, drought, and wind.

6. Wind can dry fuel, bring oxygen, or carry embers.