



SÈRIE 3

WHY DOES CALIFORNIA BURN SO OFTEN?

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1. According to the text, wildfires in California in 2018
c) were responsible for many deaths.
2. The Big Burn was responsible for the
d) U.S. government's approach towards wildfires.
3. Native American tribes
a) allowed some wildfires to burn.
4. For approximately the past sixty years, the U.S. Forest Service
a) has let controlled fires burn.
5. Which of the following is a result of America's former fire-fighting policy in the West?
c) More dry vegetation in forests.
6. In recent years, the number of people in California moving to live closer to forests
d) is unknown.
7. Which of the following is the best synonym for the word *designed* in the phrase "controlled burnings designed to prevent larger scale, uncontrollable fires"?
a) aimed
8. Which of the following can replace *instead of* in the phrase "controlled burnings designed to prevent larger scale, uncontrollable fires instead of fighting them" and not change the meaning?
b) as opposed to

Please answer the following questions in English. (Please do not copy text but rather answer in your own words; your answers should be between 40 and 60 words in length.)



9. Describe the U.S. Forest Service approach to fighting wildfires at the beginning of the 20th century. Why did this approach change?

The approach at the beginning of the 20th century was to put out fires as quickly and aggressively as possible. As a result, dry vegetation that would have been burned in fires was saved. This approach changed because researchers realized that so much dry vegetation in forests was a problem, and that it was better to allow controlled fires to burn.

10. Why do so many very deadly wildfires occur in California? Your answer should mention at least 2 reasons.

The text states that California has particularly deadly fires because people increasingly live near fire-prone forests, there is a lot of dry vegetation in forests (as a result of the former fire-fighting policy), and a naturally dry climate that has been made worse by climate change.

In grading questions 9 and 10, grammar and vocabulary are more important than preciseness of content, although the answers should address the questions.