

# THE FIRES OF BLACK FRIDAY, 1939

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MSC

## WHERE

- Large areas of Victoria
- 2 million hectares
- Whole townships engulfed

- Large bushfires
- Extreme winds

- Carelessness by humans
  - Many people lit fires randomly
- Fire believed to have originated from humans
  - Burning off for land clearing and grass growth
  - Lighting campfires
  - Inappropriate sawmill operations
  - Domestic fires
- After drought
- Severe, hot, dry summer
- Extremely strong winds

- Land owners
- Graziers
- Miners
- Forest workers

## WHAT DO THEY THINK?

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## AFTERMATH

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## SHOULD IT BE LIKE THIS?

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