

THE FIRES OF BLACK FRIDAY, 1939

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MSC

WHERE

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

WHAT

- Large bushfires
- Extreme winds

WHY

- 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

EFFECTS

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CHANGES OVER TIME

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SHOULD IT BE LIKE THIS?

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