South America

The Discovery of Fire

In Tierra del Fuego people say that once there lived two good spirits, the brothers Alvarado. One day, the elder brother found some stones and he repeatedly beat them against each other. One of these stones was a flintstone. And when he was playing with it, a spark arose suddenly. Alvarado was surprised and tried again. Then, he took a handful of dry feathers and dropped the spark on them.



There was a flame. So he gathered dry grasses and some wood, and put them on the flame. He cried happily: "This is a great gift. I have discovered the fire! I will make sure that the fire will always burn without ever dying down." But the younger Alvarado had other plans: "It is better if people try hard for the fire. They mustn't earn it easily. Otherwise, they will get too comfortable. If someone extinguishes the fire, they should light the fire themselves." He said it and put out the fire.

1.	The brothers Alvarado were good people.	()
2.	Tierra del Fuego is in North America.	()
3.	The elder brother found a flintstone.	()
4.	He was breaking the stone when he noticed the spark.	()
5.	There was a flame when he dropped the spark on some dry feathers.	()
6.	The younger brother wanted the fire to burn forever.	()
7.	The elder brother put out the fire.	()