“The Fury of Fire” Quiz

Directions: Read the article “The Fury of Fire” on page 4 of the November/December 2011 issue of Storyworks. Then select the best answer for each question.

1. Where and when do the events of this article take place?
   A in San Francisco, California, in 2007
   B in Arizona in 2003
   C in Southern California in 2003
   D in Southern California in 2008

2. What does the word fury in the title mean?
   A intense sadness
   B out-of-control destructiveness
   C natural occurrence
   D misfortune

3. How did Kevin feel when the fire started?
   A frightened
   B guilty
   C confused
   D suspicious

4. What can you conclude from the facts about fire in the section “Blistering Skin”?
   A Wildfires can be unpredictable and disastrous.
   B Wildfires are destructive but manageable.
   C Most wildfires have natural causes.
   D Wildfires are not usually a problem in the U.S.

5. How did the fire that reached Kevin’s own neighborhood start?
   A A person intentionally set a fire.
   B A campfire got out of control.
   C A hiker dropped a lit cigarette.
   D A lightning bolt hit a tree.

6. How were the wildfires described in the article different from previous wildfires?
   A They were hotter.
   B They spread to Northern California.
   C They were easier to control.
   D They were more widespread and destructive.

7. The author wrote this article to _____.
   A recount one family’s experience with fire
   B provide factual information about wildfires
   C criticize California fire departments
   D both A and B

8. What is the tone, or feeling, of the article’s last line?
   A resigned
   B hopeful
   C outraged
   D matter-of-fact

Critical Thinking

Directions: On a separate piece of paper, write your answers in well-organized paragraphs. Make sure you support your answers with information and details from the article.

9. What is the main idea of the sidebar “Not a Pretty Job”?  

10. What do you think is the most important thing Kevin learned from his experience?