

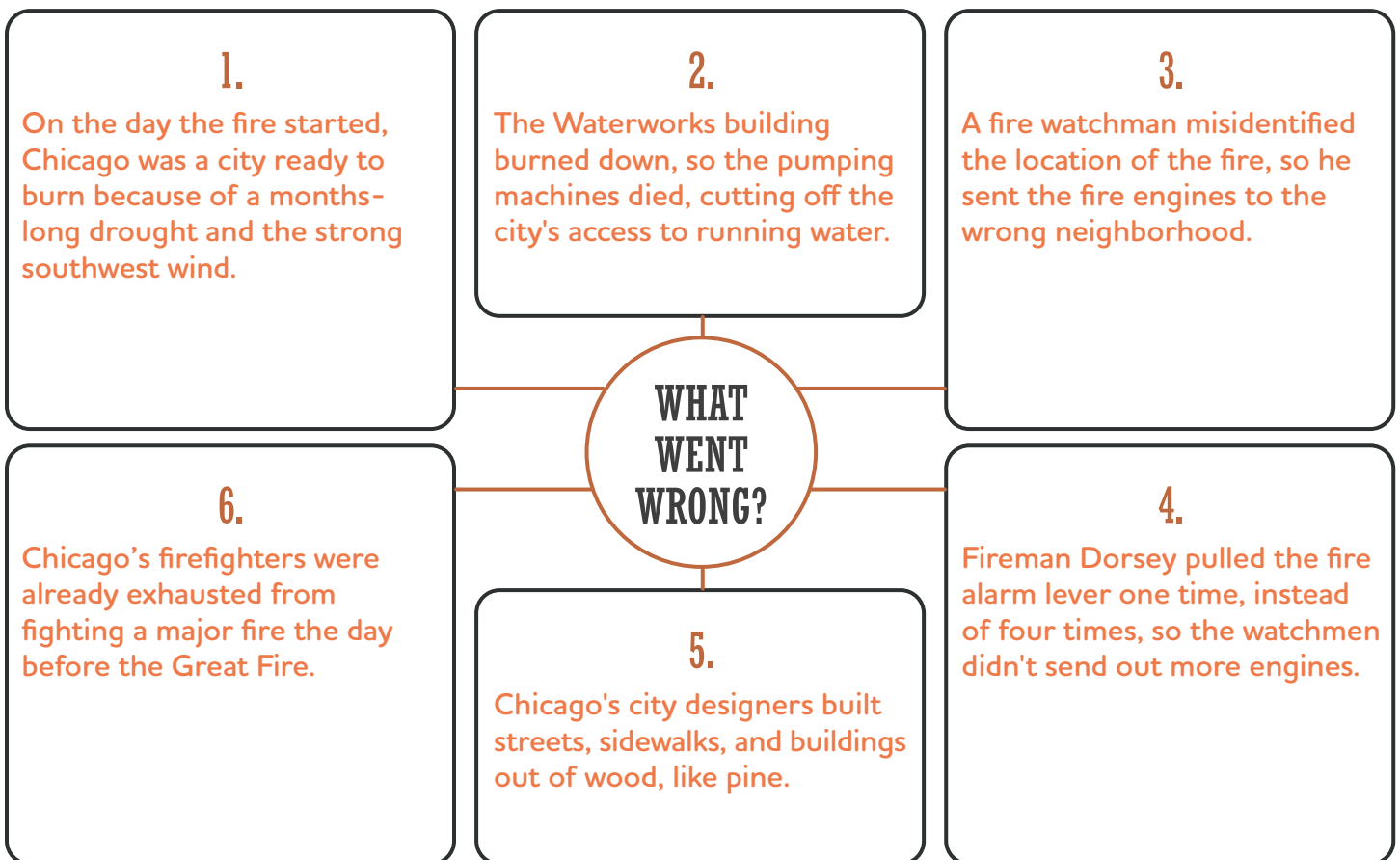


THE GREAT FIRE

What Went Wrong?

Jim Murphy describes many moments where things went wrong during the 36-hour fire that destroyed large parts of Chicago. Though the official investigation ruled that no single event or person was at fault for the fire, the debate continued long after the city began its rebuilding efforts. Now that you've read the book, it's up to you to decide the crucial moment that turned the fire from a small event in one Chicago neighborhood to a catastrophic fire that changed the city forever.

Using text evidence, identify six factors that contributed to the catastrophic Chicago fire. Write one factor in each bubble.



Which error had the most significant impact on the fire's rapid growth? Use text evidence to support your opinion, and write your answer on the lines below.

Answers will vary.
