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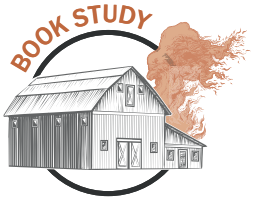

THE GREAT FIRE

One Year After The Fire

In *The Great Fire*, author Jim Murphy tells the story of the destructive fire that swept through Chicago in 1871. Throughout the story, you learn how real people, such as Claire Innes, Alexander Frear, Joseph E. Chamberlin, and Julia Lemos, survived the fire amid the confusion and dangerous conditions.

Imagine you are one of the survivors, and it's one year since the fire destroyed large parts of Chicago. On the fire's first anniversary, the newspaper asks survivors to send letters documenting how life changed in the city after the fire. Write a letter to Horace White, editor in chief of the *Chicago Tribune*, describing how life has changed for you in the past year.

Write a message that includes at least two details about your life after the fire, and draw at least one picture to go with your letter. Use information from the book to guide you.

Dear Mr. Horace White,

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