

► Read the paragraphs. Then answer the questions.

The Yellowstone Fires

On May 24, 1988, the fire season in Yellowstone began when lightning struck a tree in the northeastern part of the park. On June 23, lightning started another fire, in the southern part of the park. Two days later, another bolt of lightning started a fire, in the northwestern section of the park. Nobody tried to put out these fires because the summer rains were expected to begin soon.

Unexpected Problems

That summer, however, the rains did not come. By mid-July, 8,600 acres of forest had burned. Throughout July and August, the fires grew, jumping rivers, roads, canyons, and parking lots. By August 20, more than 150,000 acres had burned. By September 6, fire fighters had moved in to defend the area around Old Faithful. The fire that was threatening the geyser had started on July 22 and had grown since then.

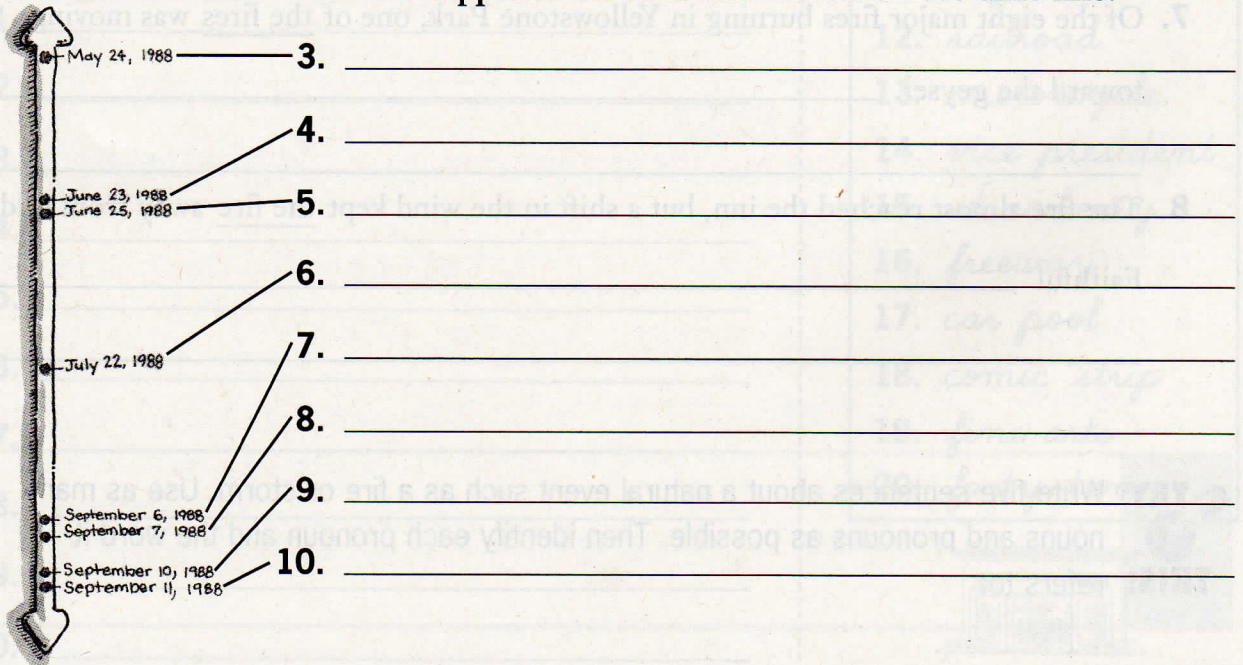
Unexpected Relief

At the last moment, on September 7, the wind shifted, and the fire turned away from Old Faithful. Finally, on September 10, rain began falling. The next day, snow began to fall. Scattered fires continued to burn until November, but the worst was over.

1. In what kind of text structure are events told in the order they happened?

2. Which subhead tells you about how things got better?

► Fill in the blanks with what happened on each date shown on the time line.



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