

Workshop 1: Fires Out of Control**Reading 1 Project: I Survived the Yellowstone Fire**
Postcard From Yellowstone

A wildfire has broken out in Yellowstone Park! A family is trapped!

Project: Imagine you are Zoë. Write a postcard to a friend. Tell what it's like to see a wildfire. Give details!

Procedure**1. Brainstorm ideas.**

Use two or more senses to describe the fire. List answers to these questions to help you get started.

- **Sights:** What did the flames look like? Were there wild animals or birds? What were they doing?
- **Sounds:** What did the fire or the wind sound like?
- **Smells:** What did the trees smell like? Compare the smell to another smell that's more familiar. Example: *Remember when I burnt the toast? This smelled like that, only about a million times worse!*

2. Write your postcard.

Cut a postcard-size piece of paper. Write on one side. Draw a picture of the fire on the other side.

- Start with a greeting (*Dear Roberto, Hi Emily*).
- Write at least three sentences to describe the fire. Use the notes you made in Step 1.
- End with a closing (*Love, See ya*) and your name.

3. Present your work.

Exchange postcards with your classmates. You can also display your postcard in a file box so that everyone can see both sides.