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Wildfire Letter to the Editor

Assignment: Write a letter to the editor that explains current wildfire risk in your community. The letter should be 500-600 words and include:

- Address the letter “Dear Editor,”
- The first sentence should introduce the topic, and explain why readers should be concerned about wildfire
- How wildfires start
- Historic wildfires in your community
- What time of year wildfires occur
- Wildfire mitigation strategies
- How wildfires frequency and severity will change with climate change
- What areas in your community are most vulnerable to wildfires

Use the following outline to take notes on the topics you and your classmates researched in Activity 2 to build your Letter to the Editor. Letters to the editor are typically brief (500-600 words), so write with brevity and clarity.

Outline

<p>Group 1: How do wildfires start?</p>	<p><u>Fire Ignition Triangle</u></p>
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	<p><u>Lightning vs. Human Caused Ignition (include statistics):</u></p>
<p>Group 2: Based on past fires, how could wildfires impact our community in the future?</p>	<p><u>Description of historic wildfire:</u> <u>Location:</u></p> <p><u>Cause:</u></p> <p><u>Time of year the wildfire occurred:</u></p> <p><u>Impacts of the wildfire:</u></p>





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<p>Group 3: What time of year do wildfires generally occur in our state?</p>	<p><u>Time of year wildfires occur (include statistics/data):</u></p>
<p>Group 4: What methods exist to minimize the impacts of wildfires?</p>	<p><u>Wildfire mitigation strategy #1:</u></p> <p><u>Wildfire mitigation strategy #2:</u></p>





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	<u>Wildfire mitigation strategy #3:</u>
Group 5: How do scientists expect the size and frequency of Colorado's wildfires to change in the future?	<u>Causes and mechanisms for how wildfire frequency and severity is expected to change:</u>
All: What areas in our community have the most risk?	<u>Area at risk #1 (explanation of area and why it's at risk)</u>





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	<p><u>Area at risk #2 (explanation of area and why it's at risk)</u></p> <p><u>Area at risk #3 (explanation of area and why it's at risk)</u></p>
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