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# Analyzing Setting

The writing prompt on page 9 says:

**Why was the blizzard of 1888 so dangerous? How did the time and place of the blizzard contribute to the danger? Answer both questions in a well-organized essay. Use text evidence.**

Follow the directions below to help you organize the ideas you will use in your response.

## Why was the blizzard of 1888 so dangerous?

1. Reread the first paragraph of the section "An Arctic Blast." Based on the information in this paragraph, why was the blizzard of 1888 especially powerful?

## How did the time and place of the blizzard contribute to the danger?

2. Reread the second paragraph of the section "An Arctic Blast." What does the author say about weather forecasting at the time of the storm? How might this have made the blizzard even more dangerous for those living on the prairie?

3. Reread the section "Houses Made of Dirt." What kind of houses did most settlers live in? How might this have made the blizzard more dangerous for them?

4. Reread the section "An Explosion." What kind of transportation was used to get children home from school? Why would this kind of transportation have made the storm more dangerous?

5. Consider the time period of the blizzard: the late 1800s. At that time, there were no telephones or cell phones. How would this lack of modern technology have contributed to the danger of the storm?