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Remembering a Tragedy

The writing prompt on page 10 says:

An exhibit about the Triangle fire is opening in your town, and you've been asked to give a speech. Your speech should summarize what happened and explain why it's important to remember this tragedy.

Follow the directions below to help you organize the ideas and details you will use in your speech.

What happened at the Triangle Waist Company?

1. Write an objective summary (a short statement or paragraph that tells what happened) about what happened at the Triangle Waist Company on March 25, 1911.

Why did this tragedy occur?

2. List details from the article that help explain why this tragedy occurred. Then explain what could have been done differently. We've written one idea for you.

- Triangle lacked basic fire safety features such as well-designed exits for workers (7). Many more workers could have escaped from the building if there had been functioning fire escapes and more than two narrow staircases leading to the street.

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How did the Triangle fire change America?

3. List details from the article that show how this tragedy changed America.

What can be learned from the Triangle fire?

4. Consider your responses to Questions 1-3. Why is it important to remember this tragedy? To support your answer, include important details from the article as well your own opinions.