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1. Why are arsons hard to investigate? List at least 3 reasons.
2. How do investigators learn to spot clues in the remains of arson?
3. What are fuels used to start fires called?
4. What is the point of origin and how can you determine it?
5. What can the point of origin tell you about a fire?
6. How can accelerants be detected? What forensic techniques are used?
7. List at least 3 examples of commonly used accelerants.
8. What is the federal agency most concerned with arson?
9. What were some commonalities between the first three fires?
10. What was the point of origin shared with all three stories?
11. What is the significance of the pillows and cushions?
12. What is fueling the candle flame in the demonstration?
13. What is Flashover?
14. How does Backdraft occur?
15. What mistake did the arsonist make?
16. List the six categories of arson motives and give a brief description of each.

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17. What is the psychological profile of a serial arsonist?

18. What is the connection between the fires started in L.A., Baskerville, and Fresno?

19. How do you develop a latent print on a piece of paper?

20. What was the major TWIST that occurred during this investigation?