



GEOGRAPHY

Welcome to the Geography Super Curriculum. Below you'll find a whole host of things to do to stretch yourself beyond the classroom curriculum.

Since early January 2025, California has been battling some of the most destructive wildfires in its history. The fires, particularly the Palisades Fire and the Eaton Fire, have devastated large areas in and around Los Angeles County. Despite the efforts of thousands of firefighters, the fires remain a significant threat due to dry conditions and strong winds.

Wildfires can move incredibly fast, sometimes reaching speeds of up to 14 miles per hour (22 km/h) in grasslands or flat terrain. That is faster than most people can run! In mountainous areas, the speed increases as fires race uphill, with flames spreading four times faster for every 10-degree increase in slope.

Use the resources below to explore the causes, effects and responses to this ongoing crisis.

READ

Read this Internet Geography piece detailing the causes, effects and responses to the California wildfires:

[Wildfires in California: Causes, Effects and Responses](https://www.internetgeography.net/2025/01/wildfires-in-california-causes-effects-and-responses/) - internetgeography.net

WATCH

Watch this recent BBC news article detailing and reporting on the effects of the wildfires in California:

[LA fires could 'take off' again, fire chief warns, with high winds expected: BBC News](https://www.bbc.com/news/health-68000000) - YouTube

LISTEN

Listen to this CBS Evening News Special exploring the link between the wildfires and climate change:

[How suburban sprawl and climate change fuel wildfires](https://www.cbsnews.com/news/cbs-evening-news-special-wildfires-climate-change/) - YouTube

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Experts agree that climate change has made wildfires more frequent and intense. Rising temperatures, prolonged droughts and unpredictable weather patterns have created a year-round fire risk in California. These factors have turned what was once a "fire season" into a "fire year."

Research task:

Research any events within 2024-2025 (such as flooding, wild fires, droughts) that have occurred. Consider their social, economic and environmental effects. Are they spread all over the world, or are they happening more in certain areas?