

The World's Worst Wildfires

Amazing Fact

In 1950, the Chinchaga forest fire in Canada burned an area of 3 500 000 acres, an area equivalent to nearly a quarter of Ireland. The fire was allowed to burn freely and smoke from it was visible in England.

Challenge

Read the information in the table below and highlight the locations on the world map provided.

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Fire Name	Where	When	Duration	Death Toll
The Great Fire of Meireki	Tokyo, Japan	1657	3 days	100 000
The Great Fire of Smyrna	Smyrna, Greece	1922	9 days	100 000
The Great Peshtigo Fire	Michigan, USA	1871	3 days	2000
Black Saturday Bushfires	Victoria, Australia.	2009	4 days	173
The 2010 Dhaka Fire	Dhaka, Bangladesh.	2010	2 days	120

You could also try to find out:

- whether there were any casualties in the fire;
- which countries suffer most wildfires;
- which cities have been destroyed by fire;
- which country has the best ratio of fire officers per head of population.



