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Video Discussion Questions

"Behind the Scenes: Mountain of Fire"

1. Lauren Tarshis says that it's important to first familiarize yourself with a topic before you dive into your research (1:08–1:52). How did Lauren familiarize herself with the topic of volcanoes? How did this help her write her story?

2. Tarshis explains that she wanted to focus her story on one person or family that experienced the eruption of Mount St. Helens (2:13–2:20). Why do you think she wanted to do this?

3. Look at the sensory details that appear on screen at 2:31. What is the purpose of including these kinds of details in the article?

4. Why might Tarshis have decided not to include information about the Ring of Fire in her article?