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Video Discussion Questions

Behind the Scenes: "The Blood-Red Night"

1. What is the mood at the beginning of the video? How does the mood shift when the narrator begins describing the Great Peshtigo Fire of 1871? Explain how both moods are created, considering the visuals, music, and narration.
2. Author Lauren Tarshis says she finds narrative nonfiction more challenging to write than other types of nonfiction. Why might this be the case?
3. Explain why it might have been difficult for Lauren to imagine what Wisconsin's forests looked like in 1871. How did she overcome this challenge?
4. Look carefully at Lauren's story map. How can mapping out an article ahead of time make the writing process easier?