City in Crisis: Lessons from the Great Chicago Fire

Lamp and starting the Chicago Fire of 1871. Chicago, CHM, IC-H234703

A lithograph by the Kellogg & Bukley Co. depicting the legend of Mrs. Cleary and her cow kicking over a lamp and starting the Chicago Fire of 1871.
“Trying to save a wagonload of goods” by Alfred Rudolph Waud, 1871. The pencil, chalk, and paint drawing shows a person with a horse-drawn wagon attempting to flee during the Chicago Fire of 1871. CHM, ICHi-037787
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Ladies distributing clothing to the victims of the Great Chicago Fire of 1871. Published in Frank Leslie’s Illustrated
Poster design for the semicentennial observance (50th anniversary) of the Chicago Fire of 1871, featuring the "I Will" Maiden, 1921. CHM, ICHi-064432
Gallery Video Image Analysis

Look closely at the image to answer the questions below.

1. Make a list of the things you see in the image.

2. What three adjectives best describe this image?

3. Imagine you are in the image, Use your five senses to answer the following questions.
   - What might you see, hear, and smell?
   - What might you touch, feel, or taste?

4. What did you learn about the Great Chicago Fire or Chicago or the city of Chicago by looking at this image?

5. What does this image tell us about Chicago at the time it was created?