

The Great Chicago Fire October 7-8, 1871

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There were many fires throughout history but **ONLY ONE** destroyed the entire city of Chicago.

There were many cows in Chicago but **ONLY ONE** belonging to Mrs. O'Leary kicked over a lantern that started the fire.

Chicago had *many* citizens but **ONLY ONE** named Peg Leg Sullivan was the first to see the fire.

There were many fire engines but **ONLY ONE** headed in the wrong direction when the alarm sounded.

There were many fire watchers but **ONLY ONE** was playing cards instead of watching for fires.

There were many ways to avoid the flames but **ONLY ONE**, a fireman, used a door as a shield.

There were many buildings destroyed but **ONLY ONE** was a grand hotel advertised to be fireproof.

There were many attempts to stop the fire but **ONLY ONE** man tried to stop it by blowing up buildings.

There were many needs for water but **ONLY ONE** pump house to provide it.

In 1997, the Chicago City Council passed *many* resolutions but **ONLY ONE** stated that Mrs. O'Leary was not to blame for the fire.