

NONFICTION: "Out of the Tornado" • SKILL: Integrating Diverse Media

# Video Questions

Answer the following questions about the video "Author Talk: Lauren Tarshis on 'Out of the Tornado'."

1. Why did Lauren Tarshis write the article "Out of the Tornado"? How is the article different from the story she intended to write about the tornado that hit Joplin, Missouri?
2. Lauren reports seeing great devastation in Henryville. What examples of destruction does she mention? What images of destruction do you see in the video?
3. Lauren reports that when she arrived in Henryville, people were already working to rebuild the elementary and high schools. What does this tell you about the town's priorities?
4. What kind of research did Lauren do for her story? Why is research important?
5. Imagine you were writing a report about a natural disaster. Based on this video, what are two things you should do as you prepare to write your report?