



## Title: I Survived the San Francisco Earthquake 1906

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Ten-year-old Leo is a newsboy in San Francisco in 1906 and carries his grandfather's nugget of gold in his pocket to remember the strength and smarts his grandfather needed to survive. But when street bullies take his gold and the earth starts shaking under his feet, Leo will need more than just courage to survive.

### Let's Talk

Is this story true? In what way?

How did Leo's grandfather and father help him even though they died before the earthquake?

What do you think about Morris?

Do your feelings about Wilkie change during the story?

What things do need to be prepared for an earthquake?

### Try This

Build an emergency kit together. Get a list of what items should be packed for an emergency and put them together in a backpack you can keep in the car or shed.

Play Disaster Master at the Federal Emergency Management Agency's website. [www.ready.gov/kids/games](http://www.ready.gov/kids/games)

Visit the U.S. Geological Survey website to see what earthquakes are happening right now. There are also games, pictures, facts, and science fair project ideas.

<http://earthquake.usgs.gov/learn/kids/>

Create buildings and shake them to see if your construction can hold up. Find tips here:

<http://mceer.buffalo.edu/infoservice/Education/structure-LessonPlan.asp>

Walk around the place you are meeting and think about what things would be happening during, and after, an earthquake. What might fall on you? Break? How could it be improved?

### Explore More in the Library

Can you Survive an Earthquake? : An Interactive Survival Adventure by Rachael Hanel (J Fiction You Hanel)

Emergency preparedness by Boy Scouts of America (J 369.43 Boy)

Eyewitness Volcano & Earthquake by Susanna van Rose (J 551.21 2004)

If you Lived at the Time of the Great San Francisco Earthquake by Ellen Levine (J 979.461 Levine)

The San Francisco Earthquake of 1906 by Lisa A. Chippendale (J 979.461)

The Great San Francisco Earthquake and Fire by Michael Burgan (J 979.6105 Burgan)

The Great San Francisco Earthquake (DVD 979.461 Great Weidlinger)

Disaster Search Dogs by Melissa McDaniel (J 636.7088)

The Strange Case of Baby H (American Girl Mystery) by Kathryn Reiss (J Paperback American History)

I Survived, the Japanese Tsunami, 2011 by Lauren Tarshis (J Paperback Tarshis)