

## U.S. HISTORY

### U.S. DISASTERS PROJECT

TOPIC:

DATE DUE:

You will choose a topic from the list of suggested topics.

A written report is required along with pictures. It must be a minimum of three full typewritten pages (maximum of six). The report must be typed and double-spaced. Follow all MLA standards. It must also be bound; a folder with brads is sufficient. You must include a title page, the report, the works cited page and the pictures.

The title page must be typed and double-spaced with the following format:

Title of Project

Your name

Mrs. Maxey

U.S. History, Period

Date

The written report follows the title page. It must also be typed and double-spaced (12 pt. Times New Roman font); minimum three full pages. Make sure that you have an introduction and conclusion to your report. First give some history or background concerning the area before the disaster. Next you report on the circumstances of the disaster itself. Then tell of the consequences of the disaster and the impact on the people and economy of that area. Make sure that you also include short stories or quotes of three first hand accounts of the disaster. Put this report in your own words! (Include headings for each section of your paper: Introduction, Background of Area, Circumstances of Disaster, Consequences of Disaster, and Conclusion)

Following the written report is the works cited page. This must include all the sources you used for research for this project. You are required to have a minimum of **THREE** sources. They should be different types of sources with at least **one book** source and no more than two online sources. Include your title, Works Cited, on this page. If you need help with the format for your sources, check with your English teacher or me. Use the MLA format.

The last pages of this project should include pictures of the disaster you are reporting on. Please make sure these are nice size pictures (minimum of five) with captions telling what you are looking at in the picture. Make sure the first picture page has a title. Mat the pictures. Have only two or three pictures per page.

This will count as two test grades.

DISASTER PROJECT ASSESSMENT  
(110 POINTS)

REPORT: 95 POINTS

Title Page: 10 Points

Title  
Name  
Mrs. Maxey  
U.S. History, Period  
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Paper: 65 Points

Introduction:

Topic:

Historically accurate:

Well-written material:

Original work:

Conclusion:

Works Cited: 10 Points

Minimum of three sources:

Correct format:

Balanced presentation of sources:

Correct spelling, grammar, and punctuation: 10 Points

PICTURES: 15 POINTS

Title:

Captions:

Matted:

## DISASTERS TOPICS

Great Storm of Galveston 1900

Johnstown Flood in Pennsylvania 1889

Great Chicago Fire 1871

1906 San Francisco Earthquake

Anchorage, Alaska Earthquake in 1964

Mt. St. Helen's Eruption 1980

Hurricane Audrey (1957), Andrew (1992), Hugo (1989), Camille (1969)  
Katrina (2005), Rita (2005), Ike (2008)

Xenia, Ohio Tornado 1974

Hindenburg Explosion 1937

Columbia Explosion 2003

Challenger Explosion 1986

Apollo 1 Fire 1967

Titanic 1912

Tri-State Tornado 1925

American Airlines DC-10 Crash 1979

Spanish Influenza Epidemic 1918

Texas City, Texas Explosion 1947

1989 San Francisco Earthquake

Oil Spill in Prince William Sound, Alaska 1989

World Trade Towers 9/11/01