

Natural Disaster Research Assignment

You will be conducting research on a famous natural disaster. You will be using this information later in ELA class, so you need to make sure your information is detailed and correct! You need to make sure you are using trustworthy sources and checking multiple sources before recording your information.

Natural Disaster Choices:

***** Before choosing your natural disaster, do some preliminary research on what information you might be able to find on your choice. *****

Earthquake	Tsunami	Volcano
1556: Shaanxi, China	2004: Indian Ocean	1815: Mount Tambora
1976: Tangshan, China	Tsunami – Indonesia	1883: Krakatoa
1920: Haiyuan, China	2011: Japan	1902: Mount Pelee
1923: Kanto, Japan	1755: Lisbon, Portugal	1985: Nevado del Ruiz
1948: Turkmenistan	1883: Krakatau, Indonesia	1257: Mount Samalas
2008: Sichuan Province, China	1946: Aleutian Islands, USA,	1792: Mount Unzen
2010: Port-au-Prince, Haiti	1498: Japan	1951: Mount Lamington
2005: Kashmir, Pakistan	1686: Northern Chile	79: Mount Vesuvius
1908: Messina, Italy		1783: Laki and Grimsvotn
1970: Chimbote, Peru		

If you find a different geological natural disaster you want to research. Talk to Ms. McGavin!

Conducting the Research:

- Using a word document and numbering your findings to correlate with the questions found on the next page. You will be writing an answer in YOUR OWN WORDS, and in full sentences. Sometimes you will need multiple sentences to answer the question. Sometimes you will only need one. Use the rubric to help you to know how long your response should be.
- You can add pictures to your word document if you want!

Research Requirements:

1. Date of event. (/1)
2. Name of the event. (/1)
3. What was the natural disaster? Stats on the disaster. (Who, what, when, where) (/5)
4. Impacts. (/5)
5. How many people were impacted at first? Lives lost / injured people? (/2)
6. Prolonged impacts after the disaster – any diseases or no access to food or water, etc. (/5)
7. Solutions or ideas to help reduce the impact for future events. (/3)
8. Causes of the event. (Was it along a fault line? What kind of tectonic plate boundary?) (/5)
9. Total cost of event. (monetary value, lives lost) (/3)

After each piece of information, please provide the source you used to find it.

ALL INFORMATION NEEDS TO BE WRITTEN IN YOUR OWN WORDS. I WILL CHECK!!!

- Organization (/5)
- Detailed and complete sentences (/5)
- Accurate information has been used and multiple sources provided. (/5)

Total Marks: /45

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