

Natural Disaster Paper due SOC March 14

For those who decide not to do a Science Circus Project

1. Prompt: Pick a natural disaster (storm, earthquake, volcano, tsunami, etc.) and write an informative paper about it. (1) Describe the disaster, (2) explain what caused it, (3) tell how it impacted the environment and people, and (4) explain how the impacts of such a disaster could be minimized in the future. You may also include other aspects of the disaster that you find interesting.
2. Word count: 1,000-1,200 words
3. Submit the paper to turnitin.com by midnight on March 13, and give Mr. Benson a hard copy by the start of class on March 14. Instructions for how to submit to Benson's turnitin.com account will be provided a few days before the due date.
4. Follow "The Ten Rules of Paper Writing" below.
5. You may not choose Mt. St. Helens or Katrina, and you may not choose the same topic as any of your friends.

Courtesy of Ms. Barnes and Mr. Pogreba

The Ten Rules of Paper Writing

(Failure in any of these areas means your paper may not be graded)

1. You will not submit a paper in the incorrect format. It will be double-spaced, in 12 point Times New Roman font.
2. The paper will meet the minimum requirements for words.
3. You will include a header that provides your name, period number, and the date the assignment was due.
4. Your paper should have at least an attempt at a clear thesis statement that previews the argument of the paper.
5. You will not include filler phrases like "I believe", "I think", or "I will prove..."
6. Your paper will demonstrate careful proofreading and editing.
7. Your paper will not include the word "you" in any context.
8. Your paper will not use the words "thing" or "things" for any reason.
9. ~~Your paper should reflect all of the suggestions offered by the teacher in previous drafts.~~ (NA)
10. The paper will include a works cited page and appropriate in text citation.