

Handout: Topic Ideas

Use this chart to identify a topic you're interested in researching. Feel free to think of and add additional ideas at the end.

Year	Event	Description
1900	Galveston hurricane	Powerful hurricane devastates a city with rain, wind, and tidal surges.
1906	San Francisco earthquake	Strong earthquake destroys buildings and causes fires.
1930s	Dust Bowl	Intense dust storms during periods of drought decimate agricultural lands.
1940s on	Nuclear weapons	Atomic fission produces weapons of mass destruction and lasting toxicity.
1962	<i>Silent Spring</i> published	Scientist writes about the consequences of pesticides.
1978	Love Canal	Chemical dumpsite pollutes neighborhood.
1978	Three Mile Island	Meltdown and radiation leak in nuclear reactor
1984	Bhopal disaster	Gas leak at a chemical plant
1986	Chernobyl meltdown	Explosions and fires destroy nuclear power plant.
1989	Exxon Valdez oil spill	Oil tanker runs aground and spills massive quantity of oil into the sea.
1991	Kuwaiti oil fires	Military forces set fires during war.
1993 on	US Midwest floods	Heavy rains cause river flooding.
2005	Hurricane Katrina	Powerful storm causes many casualties and much damage.
2010	Deepwater Horizon oil spill	Off-shore oil drilling rig explosion releases huge quantity of oil into sea.
2011	Tsunami in Japan	Earthquake and tsunami cause massive loss of life and destruction, including a nuclear power plant.
2012	Hurricane Sandy	Destructive deadly storm
2017	Series of hurricanes	Succession of disastrous storms
2019 on	Wildfires around the world	Devastating fires fueled by drought, high temperatures, and wind

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