

# Disasters: Natural & Man-made Catastrophes Through the Centuries

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## DISCUSS

Talk through your thoughts.

- Have you ever experienced a disaster? What was it like? Did it result in any changes in your everyday life?
- What do you think is the worst natural disaster? Which natural disaster are you most afraid of?

## CREATE

Make an experience of your own.

- Ask a family member or neighbor if they have had an experience with a disaster. Interview them to discover the details.
- Look closely at photographs and illustrations in this book. Do you notice any details not mentioned in the text that you would like to know more about? Look through the bibliography for books or articles that you might read to learn more about a particular disaster.

## IMAGINE

Use your imagination to explore.

- What disaster is most likely to hit your area? Think about what you can do to protect yourself, and to minimize damage to your house and your community.
- How much research do you think it took to write this book? Would you like to write a nonfiction book about disasters?

## EXPLORE

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