

Video Activity Worksheet

Unit 4: Natural Disasters

Hurricane Andrew

Predict

In this video you will learn about Hurricane Andrew, one of the most devastating storms in U.S. history. Before you watch the video, answer the following question.

What kind of damage is caused by hurricanes?

Focus

Watch the video. Find the answer to the following question.

Where did Hurricane Andrew hit?

Comprehension

A. Check (✓) True or False.

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| 1. Hurricanes are tropical storms that develop over land. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 2. Hurricane Andrew caused more damage than any other natural disaster in U.S. history. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 3. The storm surge is the calmest area of the storm. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 4. Hurricane Andrew did not slow down over land. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 5. Florida became one of the best prepared states for hurricanes. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 6. Hurricane Andrew made people more aware of the need to build hurricane-resistant buildings. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |

B. Correct the error in the sentence.

- Andrew hit in 1982.
- Andrew's waves reached 164 m.p.h. (miles per hour).
- Andrew's winds reached 100 m.p.h.
- Andrew caused millions of dollars in damages.

Discussion

- Have you ever experienced a hurricane, a flood, very high winds, an earthquake or other natural disaster? If not, do you know anyone who has? Describe the experience.
- Some people say it takes a disaster to cause change. What do they mean? Do you agree?
- Imagine you are a hurricane forecaster on the radio. Describe Hurricane Andrew.

Writing

If you really wanted to live somewhere and you found out that the region was vulnerable to natural disasters, how would you feel? Would you still choose to live there? Why or why not? Describe the place. Then write about your decision.

