



7th Grade Worksheet Galveston 1900: Storm of the Century

1. Based on your examination of the Texas map showing the gulf coast around Galveston would you say the city is vulnerable to hurricanes?

2. Using the ad shown in slide 2, does Galveston look like a place a business would do well in? Explain. (Note: assume the 1900 Hurricane has not happened yet.)

3. Were the citizens of Galveston warned about the Hurricane?

4. What precautions did the citizens of Galveston take?



5. How many people were sheltering in Cline's house?

6. Why did Cline decide to relocate to the center of the city, and what made the attempt impossible?

7. How would you have reacted to the rapid rise in water level described by Cline?

8. When his residence "went down" what happened to Cline and the people sheltering with him?



9. What was the greatest threat to those who were adrift in the hurricane and how could they protect themselves?

10. According to the insurance adjustor, how many houses were totally destroyed by the hurricane?

11. What does Cline say would have saved the city? Why does he think so?

12. How many individuals were lost when the Catholic Orphan's Home was destroyed?

13. How many people did St. Mary's Hospital shelter?

14. Describe St. Mary's Hospital's rescue operation. Was it effective?



15. Based on the photo in slide 13 and the text in slide 14, describe the damage to the hospital and how people inside reacted to the storm.

16. What was a danger in family members roping themselves together?

17. Based on your reading of the text selections, did people help individuals seeking shelter from the storm?

18. Based on the images shown throughout this PSA, what is your impression of the damage the storm caused?



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19. Should Galveston have built the seawall? Explain why or why not.
