“An American Moment”
Federalism and the States’ Response to Disaster
Preparedness and Response
Preview

Students will begin the activity by reviewing the term “federalism” and answering the following questions:

Which government is responsible for the catastrophe following Hurricane Katrina, the federal or state government?

Which government is responsible for rebuilding the Gulf Coast after Hurricane Katrina and Hurricane Rita, the federal or state government?

What plans did the state of Texas, the state of Louisiana and the government make for Hurricane Rita charted to make landfall along the Texas/Louisiana coastline weeks after Katrina?