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?

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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.)

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

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4. What precautions did the citizens of Galveston take?

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

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

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

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8. When his residence “went down,” what happened to Cline and the people sheltered with him?

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

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

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

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12. How many individuals were lost when the Catholic Orphans’ Home was destroyed?

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

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

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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.

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

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

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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.