

ATM 200 “Disaster Mitigation Essay”

You are to write a **one (1) page** essay (type and single-spaced; 1” margins) on the one natural disaster that has affected ***you*** the most in your lifetime, directly or indirectly.

Think back through ***your*** life. Have you ever been involved in a hurricane (Sandy in 2012?) or tropical storm (Lee in 2011?)? How about flooding (Irene in 2011?)? Or, perhaps an earthquake? Some of you may have even experienced a tornado or other severe weather (e.g., a really bad rain or wind storm, snowstorm or ice storm). Some of you may have seen a volcano erupt. Were any of you in the Indian Ocean tsunami of 2004? How about a bad wildfire that may have threatened your home? Basically, any natural disaster that affected you and your family.

Or, you can write about any natural disaster that has happened during your lifetime that has affected you emotionally, rather than directly.

If nothing above applies, then you can write about the one natural disaster that *frightens* you the most, and why?

Keep this to one (1) page in length, and **carry it with you** to class beginning next **Wednesday (September 2)**. When a **“disaster”** occurs in lecture (referred to as a **“red ball”** day), you will hand in this essay to mitigate the **“disaster”** and **earn one (1) final grade bonus point!**

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