# WHAT ARE DISASTERS?



10 examples of disasters:

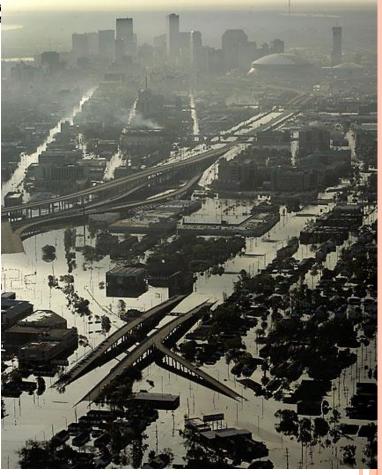
Assess the hazards, risks, vulnerabilities, and resilience in each situation.

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### HURRICANE KATRINA

- Category 5 hurricane, struck Louisiana Aug. 28th, 2005
- o 2,541 deaths, over 6K injured, and over 400K displaced
- 3<sup>rd</sup> strongest hurricane ever to hit the U.S.
- Over \$150 billion in property damag





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### TSUNAMI

• 9.2 Earthquake triggered a tsunami which struck Indonesia, Sri Lanka, India, and Thailand

o 280K people died or went missing Dec. 26th, 2004

• 1.69 million displaced, biggest humanitarian

effort in history

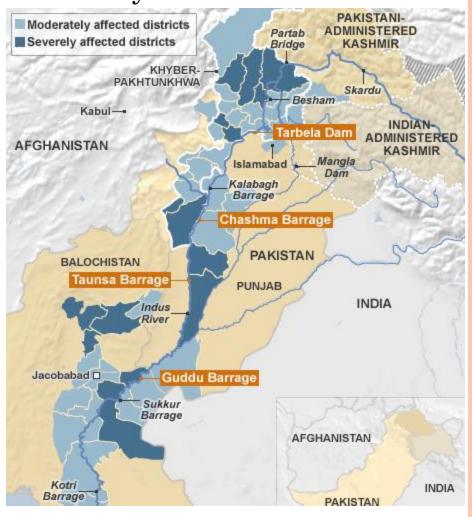




### FLOODING

- 125 killed and 280 injured in flooding in the Kashmir region Pakistan and Punjab, India as of Sept. 6<sup>th</sup>, 2014
- o Over 1,600 houses collapsed in 4 days of torrential rain





### KILAUEA VOLCANO

• Erupting since 1983, Kilauea has destroyed dozens of homes in Puna on the Big Island of Hawai'i

Lava flow may reach the neight

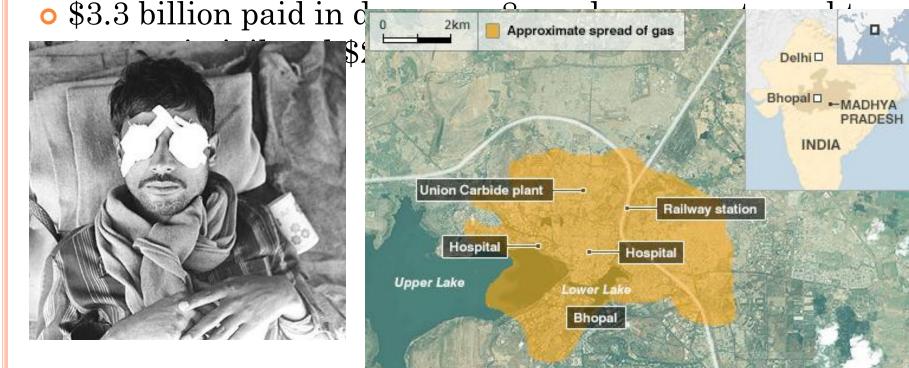
by the end of this week





### BHOPAL GAS DISASTER

- 3,787 confirmed deaths (16,000 additional deaths have been claimed) and 558,125 injuries, some eventually fatal
- The world's worst industrial disaster struck Bhopal, India



## EBOLA IN WEST AFRICA

• As of Sept. 5<sup>th</sup> there have been over 4K cases and 2,105 deaths in Guinea, Sierra Leone, and Liberia

 Another unrelated outbrea in the DRC has reported 53 cases and 31 deaths

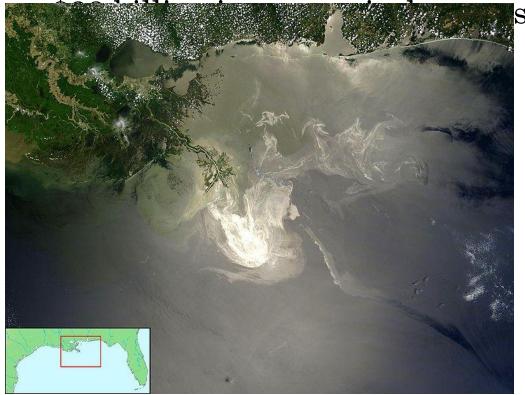




### SPILL

• Explosion of an oil rig off the coast of Louisiana killed 11 and spilled 4.9 million barrels of oil into the Gulf of Mexico

• Contamination killed 650 doplhins and thousands of other birds, fish, turtles, and marine





## KASHMIR EARTHQUAKE

• A 7.6 earthquake struck the Kashmir region on Oct. 8<sup>th</sup>, 2005 killing over 100K, injuring 138K and displacing 3.5 million in Pakistan, India, and Afghanistan

• Nearly half the population of Muzaffarabad (the Pakistani capital of Kashmir) died in the quake

• The global relief effect roised \$6.2 billion in aid





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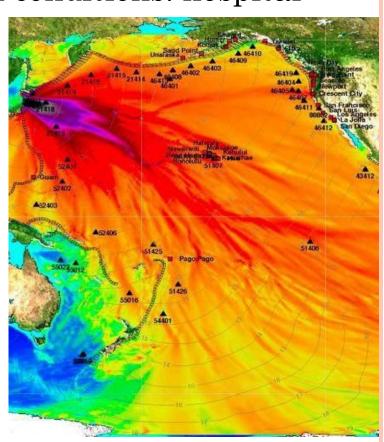
### DISASTER

- 39 workers suffered radiation burns from the explosion on Mar 12<sup>th</sup>, 2011 when a tsunami caused a meltdown
- The radiation displaced over 300K people
- 1,600 died because of evacuation conditions: hospital

closures and temporary housing

o 2<sup>nd</sup> worst nuclear disaster ever





### TORNADOS

- Twin tornadoes struck
  Central Virginia May
  21<sup>st</sup>, 2014
- o 2 killed, 36 injured
- Over \$360K in damages





# SHARE A DISASTER OF YOUR OWN:

• Think of a disaster which struck your home community.

• What were the hazards, vulnerabilities, and risks? How resilient was your

hometown?





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