

**Workshop 2: When Disaster Strikes****Extended Project****Natural Disaster News**

*Think a natural disaster can't happen where you live? Think again. Natural disasters can happen anytime, anywhere.*

**Project:** Find out about a natural disaster that was in the news in the last year. Present at least three facts about it.

**Procedure**

- 1. Research recent natural disasters.** Use the Internet to research natural disasters that have been in the news in the last year.
  - Search for information about a disaster that happened in the last year. For example, if you remember a flood in Texas, you might enter these words in a search engine: “Texas” and “flood.”
  - Try these search terms to find information about other disasters: “natural disaster news,” “earthquake news,” “tidal wave news,” “hurricane news.”
- 2. Take notes.** Find at least three important facts about the disaster.
  - Where and when did the disaster occur?
  - What kind of disaster was it?
  - How many people were affected?

Write the information on note cards. List the names of your sources.
- 3. Write a draft.** Write a heading and a paragraph with at least three sentences that give the facts.
- 4. Present your work.** Type your work on the computer.
  - Use boldface and other formats to make it easy to read and understand.
  - Add your own illustrations or pictures from Web sites.
  - Be sure to include a bibliography.