



Floods

The word flood comes from the old English word “flōd” that means “a flowing of water, river or sea”. Although it can happen at any time, flooding typically occurs during the spring months (April to July) following heavy rain or when snow starts to melt, causing rivers to overflow their banks. This is known as “freshet”. Flooding can also be caused by storm surges, ice jams or a failure of infrastructure like dams or levees.

Most floods develop slowly but flash floods develop in just a few minutes and without any visible signs of rain. Flash floods are the most dangerous kind of floods because they combine the destructive power of a flood with incredible speed and unpredictability.



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Answer the following questions using what your teacher has taught you about this hazard and what you've learned through your own independent research.

1. Give a description of how this hazard happens and why:

2. Are there any warning signs that this hazard is on its way or may occur where you live?

3. What are some trusted organizations that you could go to for information about this hazard?

4.

Name a time and place where this hazard has occurred in the past and one thing we can learn from that event:

Place:

Time/Year:

What can we learn:



5. What can you do to prepare for this hazard before it happens?

6. Write a description of a plan you might discuss with your family to prepare for this hazard:

7. What did you learn about this hazard that you did not know before this lesson?

8. What do you still wonder about this hazard?
