

Federalism Activity

We have recently discussed Federalism – the dual system of government that America uses to run its government. Below is a list of disasters that have taken place within the United States in the past. Some of these were because of the actions of humans, whether they were on purpose or accidental, and some were caused by Mother Nature herself.

- 1) Terrorists attacks on September 11th, 2001
- 2) Hurricane Katrina – August 29th, 2005
- 3) Minnesota Bridge Collapse – August 1, 2007
- 4) Boston Marathon Bombing – April 15th, 2013
- 5) Oklahoma city bombing – April 19th, 1995
- 6) Little Rock Incident – September 4th, 1957
- 7) Kent State Shootings – May 4th, 1970

Your group of two students will be assigned one of these disasters. Your group will give a presentation to the class about this incident and how it relates to federalism.

Your assignment:

- 1) As a group, give a summary of what happened at this incident. Answer questions like: “What happened?” “Who was affected by it?” “Where/ when did it happen?” “What were the forces or people behind it?”
- 2) Your group must state what actions the local government, state government, and federal government (if available) took in response to the incident.
- 3) Your group must answer:
 - How do you think these governments worked together?
 - What type of power conflicts were involved between the different forms of governments? (If none available, then state what could have been a REALISTIC problem between the governments).
 - Where there any new laws that came out of this event?
If not, what laws do you think they could make to help prevent such occurrences?
- 4) Your group must include at least 3 pictures in your presentation. Your pictures will be on a powerpoint slide. (No words). You will drop the power point into Mr. Cerully’s “O Drive”.

Visual Pictures.....5 pts

Correct use of Federalism content..... 10 pts

E.g. Accuracy of content

Different actions by three governments

Discussion of real or potential conflicts between the governments

Names	Disaster	(5) Visual (15) Federalism
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