

Storms Change Lives

Investigate how Florida disasters affect people and communities.

SC.6.E.7.7 "Investigate how natural disasters have affected human life in Florida."

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DATE _____

1 READ AND MARK

Read it twice

YOUR JOB Underline words or phrases that tell how people were affected by each disaster. Circle each action people or governments took to reduce danger or recover.

Florida Communities in Storms

- ① In September 1928, a powerful hurricane crossed south Florida. Heavy rain and strong winds pushed water from Lake Okeechobee over parts of its earthen dike. Floodwater rushed into nearby communities, especially Belle Glade, Pahokee, and South Bay. Thousands of people died, including many farmworkers. Families lost homes, crops, and loved ones. Afterward, Florida and the federal government built a much stronger dike system around the lake to reduce flooding danger during future storms in that area.
- ② In August 1992, Hurricane Andrew struck south Florida as a Category 5 storm. Its violent winds tore roofs from houses and smashed many buildings in Miami-Dade County. More than 125,000 homes were destroyed or badly damaged, leaving about 250,000 people homeless. Downed power lines and blocked roads made daily life difficult. Residents needed emergency food, water, and shelter. During rebuilding, Florida strengthened building codes so new structures could better resist hurricane winds in future storms.
- ③ In September 2017, Hurricane Irma moved up Florida's Gulf Coast after striking the Florida Keys. Storm surge flooded some coastal neighborhoods, and wind damaged homes, trees, and power lines. Millions of customers lost electricity, sometimes for days. In Hollywood, eight nursing home residents died after the building lost air conditioning during the heat. Evacuations and shelters helped many people move away from dangerous areas. The event showed why communities need backup power, cooling plans, and clear evacuation plans.

2 ANSWER WITH EVIDENCE _____ Use the passage

1 What caused the flooding near Lake Okeechobee in 1928, and name one way it affected people?

2 Use two details to explain how Hurricane Andrew changed daily life for people in south Florida.

3 What action was taken after the 1928 hurricane, and what danger was it meant to reduce?

4 State one similar effect of Hurricanes Andrew and Irma, then state one effect described only for Irma.

3 YOUR TURN _____ Your own words

Write exactly four sentences comparing Hurricane Andrew and Hurricane Irma. Include one storm hazard, two effects on people, and one action Florida communities took to reduce danger.

PART 1 • READ AND MARK

Underline words or phrases that tell how people were affected by each disaster. Circle each action people or governments took to reduce danger or recover. Accept any marking that follows this job and points at the right text.

PART 2 • ANSWERS

#	QUESTION	ANSWER
1	What caused the flooding near Lake Okeechobee in 1928, and name one way it affected people?	Heavy rain and strong winds pushed lake water over the earthen dike. Flooding killed thousands of people and caused families to lose homes, crops, and loved ones.
2	Use two details to explain how Hurricane Andrew changed daily life for people in south Florida.	More than 125,000 homes were destroyed or badly damaged, leaving about 250,000 people homeless. Downed power lines and blocked roads also made daily life difficult.
3	What action was taken after the 1928 hurricane, and what danger was it meant to reduce?	Florida and the federal government built a stronger dike system around Lake Okeechobee. It was meant to reduce flooding danger during future storms.
4	State one similar effect of Hurricanes Andrew and Irma, then state one effect described only for Irma.	Both storms damaged homes and power lines. Irma caused millions of customers to lose electricity, and eight nursing home residents died after a building lost air conditioning.

PART 3 • YOUR TURN (SAMPLE ANSWER)

Both Hurricane Andrew and Hurricane Irma brought strong winds that damaged homes and power lines. Hurricane Andrew left about 250,000 people homeless. Hurricane Irma caused millions of customers to lose electricity, sometimes for days. After Andrew, Florida strengthened building codes to make new structures safer in future storms.

Accept accurate cause-and-effect explanations supported by the passage. For the open response, accept other valid comparisons as long as it has exactly four sentences and includes the required hazard, two human effects, and one protective action.