

Earth Science

Activity 16: Write an Opinion Essay

Topic 25: Earthquakes Volcanoes & Tsunamis

General Instructions:

- Use a computer to complete your essay/document.
- Write a “five-part” 250-400 word essay in a single 40-minute session.
- Include an introduction, three key supporting paragraphs, and a conclusion.
- Correct spelling, punctuation, and grammar errors prior to completing work.
- Submit or share your final document with your instructor.

Suggestions and Tips:

1. Read the background and context provided to familiarize yourself with the subject area.
2. Select either A or B as the basis for your thesis.
3. Plan the essay prior to writing it.
4. Make the essay organized. Avoid placing multiple points in one paragraph.
5. Use only Times New Roman font 12 with double-spacing to format your document.
6. Discuss only one perspective in each of the body paragraphs.
7. Conclude with a summary.
8. In the summary, rephrase the introduction and thesis. Emphasize key supporting rationale.

Background and Context:

When a major natural disaster strikes, there is often a major loss in life and property. Sometimes, these count into the thousands of lives impacted (or killed) – and hundreds of billions of dollars lost due to the disaster.

In recent decades, many of these events have taken place at impoverished areas. World governments and other organizations often intervene, but only after a catastrophic event take place.

Position A: More emphasis should be done by wealthy nations to assist less-affluent countries before possible catastrophic events take place.

Position B: Existing ways for nations to assist other countries recover from catastrophe are sufficient and do not need to be changed.