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Thematic Unit: Tornados and Hurricanes Bibliography

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Student Resources

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A fictional story about two children who experience a tornado. Very basic sentence structure with many pictures.
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A "Let's Read-And-Find-Out Science Book," it describes how tornados come about and how to stay safe during one of them. Very basic with pictures and large print.
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Follows along with the storm chasers who actually want to find tornados and hurricanes. Would be exciting for children to watch the events unfold, especially with all of the intense photographs.
- Galiano, D. (2000). *Hurricanes*. (First edition). New York: Rosen Central.
Looks at the development and significance of hurricanes, as well as hurricane prediction and safety. Plenty of information, but basic sentence structure and easy reading.
- Hiscock, B. (1993). *The big storm*. New York: Atheneum.
Presents basic weather information while describing a particular storm that moved across the United States. A good book to use for an introduction to the topic of tornados and hurricanes.
- Hooker, M. (1993). *Hurricanes*. (First edition). Vero Beach, Florida: The Rourke Corporation, Inc.
Describes hurricane causes and their destructive force, how they are predicted and named, and how to protect people from them. Very basic sentence structure, although some of the vocabulary is advanced.
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Tells how hurricanes form, how scientists study them, and how they have affected people and the environment throughout the twentieth century. In-depth information with specific situations.

Online Tornado Museum. (n.d.). Retrieved February 14, 2002, from <http://members.aol.com/tornadfoto/>

This website contained many photographs with explanatory pictures. A good resource for children interested in seeing real pictures of tornados.

Twisters: destruction from the sky. (n.d.). Retrieved February 14, 2002, from http://srd.yahoo.com/drst/8330198/*http://tqjunior.advanced.org/4232

Information about tornados and tornado safety, aimed at students in grades 4-6.

Teacher Resources

Artifact. A small, round piece of plastic that connects two 2-liter soda bottles. With liquid poured into one of the bottles, turn the structure upside down to create a funnel inside the other soda bottle, which looks similar to a small tornado.

Artifact. A machine that looks similar to a small blender. A canister is partially filled, and when the machine is turned on, it creates a small tornado inside the canister.

Edwards, R. (2001). *Frequently asked questions about tornados.* Retrieved February 14, 2002, from the Storm Prediction Center from <http://www.spc.noaa.gov/faq/tornado/>

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Fitzpatrick, P.J. (1999). *Natural disasters: hurricanes: a reference handbook.* Santa Barbara, California.

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Storm chaser Warren Faidley discusses the techniques, dangers, and difficulties of photographing tornados and hurricanes.

Pielke, R. A. (1997). *Hurricanes: their nature and impacts on society.* (First edition). New York: Wiley.

Explains how tornados are created and the ways that they affect society.

The tornado project online. (n.d.). Retrieved February 14, 2002, from <http://www.tornadoproject.com/index.html>

A website that details information from past tornados, general information about tornados, scientific data about tornados, and even common myths.

Tornado informational index. (2000). Retrieved February 14, 2002, from USA Today at <http://www.usatoday.com/weather/wtwist0.htm>

Includes information about understanding tornados, watches and warnings, tornado safety, FAQ about tornados and links to tornado videos and movies, which would be very useful.

Vogel, C. G. (2000). *Nature's fury: eyewitness reports of natural disasters.* (First edition). New York: Scholastic Inc.

Gives eyewitness descriptions of two hurricanes and two tornados, including in-depth information and difficult sentence structure.