






Activities for non-natural disasters

Junior	Middle	Senior
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Discuss with class: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> What are non-natural disasters? Read a story about a non-natural disaster (eg a story on the CD-Rom ). Students make a cartoon or use speech bubbles, showing the main character taking the appropriate action. Students explore where they can find out what to do in a non-natural disaster. For example, www.whatstheplanstan.govt.nz  or the Yellow Pages®. 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Discuss with class: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> What are non-natural disasters? Which types are more likely where we live? Give each group a different type of non-natural disaster. Each group makes a poster about their disaster, leaving the bottom third of the page empty. Let groups present their posters to the class. After each presentation, discuss with the class what they should do in that disaster. Refer them to www.whatstheplanstan.govt.nz  or the Yellow Pages®. Instruct groups to add 'what to do' information in the bottom third of their poster. 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Discuss with class: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> What are non-natural disasters? Which types are more likely where we live? Allow students to each choose an historical non-natural disaster to research. Instruct them to research the correct responses for that type of disaster. Ask students to design a board game about their chosen disaster, which rewards correct emergency response action before, during and after the event. Allow them to trial their games with classmates or other syndicates.

Non-natural disasters homework sheet

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<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Show an adult at home the civil defence section in the Yellow Pages®. Use www.whatstheplanstan.govt.nz  or the Yellow Pages® to find out what to do in the type of disaster you have been studying. Write a sentence or draw a picture to show what you have learned to do in that type of disaster. 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Interview an adult at home about what to do in a non-natural disaster (choose another type of disaster than the one your group studied at school). Make a cartoon with speech bubbles showing what to do before, during and after that type of disaster. Use www.whatstheplanstan.govt.nz  or the Yellow Pages® to check your cartoon covers all the important points. 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Make a television commercial on video or a brochure to advertise the website or resource that you used to research your chosen disaster. Your commercial or brochure should also promote the correct response for that type of disaster. Share these with your class. Ask an older person to watch your commercial or read your brochure. Ask them about their response and whether they feel your family is fully prepared if this type of disaster occurred. Write a short report about the older person's response, and the readiness of your family for this type of disaster.