

FAMOUS DISASTERS TRIVIA QUESTIONS



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- 1> A comet or asteroid impacted the Tunguska river region of Siberia in what year?
- 2> What was the last volcano to erupt in the continental US, in 1980?
- 3> How many people were killed in the 3 Mile Island nuclear plant incident in 1979?
- 4> Before Hurricane Katrina devastated New Orleans, what was the most recent Category 5 Hurricane to make landfall in the US?
- 5> In what US city did a flood occur that claimed the lives of over 2200 people, the largest single day death toll of any natural disaster?
- 6> In what US city did a fire destroy over four square miles in 1871?
- 7> In what year were the MLB playoffs interrupted by a 6.9 earthquake?
- 8> The city of Pompeii was destroyed when what volcano erupted?
- 9> In the late 1840's, name the nation that lost between 20 to 25 percent of its population to starvation and emigration because of a devastating famine?
- 10> The worst flood in modern history occurred when the Yellow River flooded in what country?

Answers:

- 1> 1908 - Luckily because of the remote location of the strike, no one was killed.
- 2> Mount St. Helens - Mount St. Helens is located in Washington State.
- 3> 0 - According to the X-Men franchise of movies, Wolverine was at least partly responsible for the meltdown!
- 4> Andrew - Andrew made landfall in 1992 and devastated Florida.
- 5> Johnstown, PA - The Johnstown Flood took place in 1889.
- 6> Chicago - To this day, no one is exactly sure how the Chicago fire started.
- 7> 1989 - It interrupted the world series between the Oakland A's and the San Francisco Giants.
- 8> Mt. Vesuvius - Pompeii was rediscovered in 1599.
- 9> Ireland - It has come to be known as the Potato Famine, or the Great Famine.
- 10> China - Between 900,000 and 1 million died.

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