WHAT A DISASTER
CHEAT SHEET FOR
RESEARCH

Words to Search

Lituya Bay
Alaska, tsunami, natural disaster, magatsunami, fjord, water, Alaskan

Typhoon Tip
typhoon, hurricane, storm, natural disaster, Japan, Indonesia, 1979, Pacific, cyclone

Lake Nyos
lumnic, explosion, natural disaster, eruption, Cameroon, lake, Africa, carbon dioxide, carbonic acid, 1986

Chile Earthquake
1960, Chile, earthquake, tsunami, natural disaster, Valdivia, Cordon Caulle, volcano, eruption, storm

Heat Wave
2003, Europe, European, France, heat, global warming, natural disaster, Portugal, agriculture, famine, natural disaster

Storm of the Century
1993, March, blizzard, United States, natural disaster, power outage, Florida, Alabama, Burmingham

Great Flood
1931, China, Yellow River, flood, natural disaster, Yangtze River, Huai River, cyclone, Nanjing City

Tunguska
explosion, meteor, 1908, Siberia, Russia, asteroid, comet, natural disaster

Bridge Creek
tornado, Oklahoma, natural disaster, F5, Moore, Amber, May, Oklahoma City, cyclone

Tambora
1815, eruption, volcano, Sumbawa Island, mountain, natural disaster, ash, year without summer

Delicious Information and Tags

When entering the information into Delicious, I started each item with the search term natural_disaster. I wanted one search term that would be common for all items for this project. After this general search term, I listed the type of disaster that took place - such as flood, earthquake, tsunami, explosion, tornado, eruption, volcano, or blizzard. Next, I always entered the country that was affected by the disaster. Similarly, I entered the year that the disaster took place. This helped to narrow things because I found that several countries had the same type of disasters during different years. My next tag that I found helpful was the type of resource I was cataloging at the time. I wanted to include if the image was a video, journal, image, webpage, atlas, almanac, encyclopedia, dictionary, or book. I found this helpful as I revisited the tags to make sure that I had found various types of sources for each of the disasters. Finally, I tried to include the word "fee" if the resource was one that needed to be purchased by the user since this may influence if my client would be willing to use this resource.

RefWorks Information and Folders

After entering the information for the resources into Delicious, I then grabbed the resource for RefWorks. I organized the information into folders by the type of disaster that I was researching at the time. I also created a folder for miscellaneous information, information that was about basic natural disasters that could be used by any student. This information included a lot of the ready reference information for almanacs, encyclopedias, atlases and dictionaries. It also includes general information about natural disasters.

Another folder that I created to help my client was a writing folder. This folder contains information on 6 Traits writing and the Big 6 Research Process. My client and the students will be using both of these to grade the projects that are being created for this assignment so I thought it would be helpful to link information and rubrics about both of these.

My RefWorks tags are quite simple but the client can quickly search by the name of the disaster and type of disaster, along with location and date because theses are all tags.

Places to Search

Magazines
BadgerLink
EBSCO Host
College Databases - UWEC or UWO
ERIC
ProQuest

Books
Google Books
Amazon
Library of Congress
College Libraries
School Library
Barnes and Noble

Videos
YouTube
TeacherTube
Amazon

Images
Google Images
Pics 4 Learning
Photo 8
Smithsonian Images
Read Write Wonder
School Clip Art
PD Photo

Ready Reference
I searched the school catalog and the Internet for natural disasters +

- encyclopedia
- atlas
- almanac
- dictionary
- maps