

PAIRED TEXTS

**WITH MULTIPLE CHOICE
AND CONSTRUCTED
RESPONSE QUESTIONS**

**NATURAL
DISASTERS**



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Dear Teacher,

These passages meet the demand for more rigorous, complex texts with Common Core- especially paired texts that students can use to compare and build knowledge to integrate information and draw conclusions.

The passages in this set are in the "stretch" range for 2nd grade. They are leveled for third grade readability. There are two styles of passages provided to help suit various needs.

You can use each of the texts for close reading and annotating lessons- this helps ensure the students fully comprehend the texts before having to answer questions about both texts together. Students should use their annotated texts to answer the questions. If your students have not been exposed to paired text questions, you may want to walk them through several examples before you ever take a grade.

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Floods



Although water can be beautiful and calming, moving water is one of the most common natural disasters on Earth. Floods are the most common because of the many ways that flooding can happen.

Most floods happen when rivers overflow after heavy rainfall. It usually takes days for river floods to occur, so people have time to get out of the area. On ocean coasts, tsunamis and hurricanes can cause flooding with surges or high waves. It can even happen when ice melts so rapidly, like in the mountains.

Flash floods are floods that happen quickly without warning. These can also happen with large amounts of rainfall, especially if the land is very wet, or very dry. This is because the water runs over the land instead of soaking into it. Flash floods are the most dangerous because people often can't get out in time. Dams or levees breaking can also cause flash flooding. These structures are meant to hold water back. If they are damaged, the water behind these walls can come roaring out. The water can knock over cars, trees, bridges, and even houses. Even if you don't feel like the water is moving very fast, floodwaters are often misleading. Don't ever try to cross moving water. Remember the phrase, "turn around, don't drown." Even just six inches of water can make someone fall. Then the water could carry the person away.

Once floodwaters draw back, what is left behind can be dangerous, too. Floods can damage sewage systems. This can lead to polluted drinking water. Homes and buildings that were soaked with water may also begin to grow mold. Mold can be harmful to people's health if it is not removed. Floods can also destroy bridges and roads, leaving people stranded.

Floodwaters can be helpful, too. The nutrients that are left behind on flood plains (areas of flat land that floods a lot) help create rich farmland. In Asian countries like China, India, and Thailand, fields are flooded during monsoon season. These fields are called rice paddies. 25% of the world's rice is grown in Southeast Asia in rice paddies!

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But one time, the rain didn't stop falling. It rained for over a week, and suddenly, the river was overflowing its banks. The muddy water was pouring into homes and schools. It covered up streets and sidewalks. People like Raul and his family, who lived on a farm, had all of their crops swept away. People like Raul and his family learned that they can't always feel safe in their homes.

Boats were traveling along the river but the water was too deep. Brave men in canoes paddled to houses where families like Raul's were stranded on their roofs. They had climbed up to get out of the rising water. The families were taken to higher ground, where it was safe. Many children, like Raul, were afraid of the water. They saw how it destroyed all that they knew.

Finally, after many days, the water began to flow back down the banks to the riverbed. Raul and his family helped their neighbors clean the town from the inside and outside of homes and schools. They all helped each other try to put their homes back together. Finally, months later, it seemed that the river returned to normal. Boats traveled along the river again. Children played along its shores. Men caught fish to bring home to their families. But people like Raul and his family would never forget the flood.





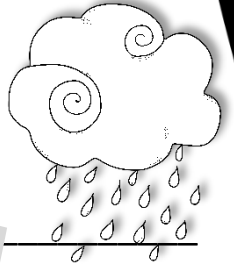
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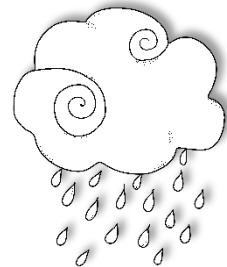


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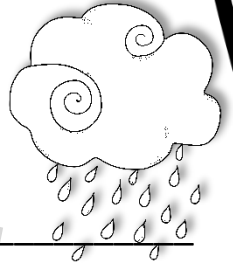
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The response may include, but is not limited to:

Floods can have positive and negative effects, but mostly negative. The rushing water can wash away homes, cars, and crops. Floods can drown people. It also makes drinking water dirty and can create dangerous mold. It can leave a big muddy mess.

The positive effect of flooding is for farming. The flood waters can make the soil rich. It also brings people together as they help each other recover from a flood.



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