

"Night of the Twisters"

Thank you for joining us in the "ASK Program—Night of the Twisters". We hope you will follow the process outlined in the handout on "The ASK Program" from the University of Michigan and as outlined in the teacher training. We have found that classes that follow this process do a better job with the interview than students who just read the book and make up questions.

Teacher Resources

- 25 books "Night of the Twisters" by Ivy Ruckman
- Outline of the ASK Program
- Program Evaluation Sheet
- The Thunderbolt from Gary Woodall, Ft Worth Weather Service
- NOAA Preparedness Guide
- "Preparing for Disaster" <http://www.fema.gov/pdf/library/pfd.pdf>

Online Resources

additional resources will be listed at www.edlink12.net

- Footage of storm chasers in 2003 chasing an F-4 tornado in South Dakota
http://magma.nationalgeographic.com/ngm/0404/sights_n_sounds/media2.html
- How Stuff Works - Tornadoes
<http://science.howstuffworks.com/tornado.htm>
- The Jarell Tornado
<http://www.cdc.gov/mmwr/preview/mmwrhtml/00049839.htm>
- Top Ten Deadliest Tornadoes in Texas <http://www.srh.noaa.gov/ama/html/for-svr4.htm>

Getting Started

This novel is based on a real incident. On June 4, 1980 a string of seven tornadoes struck Grand Island, Nebraska, killing four persons and injuring 134. The activities are designed, primarily, to enhance the students' understanding of tornadoes and disaster preparedness.

In all parts of the United States we must deal with different natural disasters, and for children it can be especially traumatic.

Questions to focus student learning:

- What was the area like where the boys lived?
- What causes tornadoes; when and where are they most likely to hit?
- What can we do to prepare for a tornado, and what should we do if one hits?
- What are the different agencies who come to help when this type of disaster happens, and what are their jobs?

Please return student books and program evaluation immediately following the video conference program to ESC Region 12 so that other students can participate in this program, too.