**National Geographic Journal Article**

**Task:** You are a **Journalist for National Geographic** who has been assigned to write a **headlining reflection article** on a natural disaster.

*Choose from a number of different disasters provided by your teacher or you may research one disaster of your choice (you must get your teachers approval)*

*All items in the following checklists must be included in your newspaper article.*

*[](http://www.google.ca/imgres?q=national+geographic&um=1&hl=en&sa=N&biw=1366&bih=674&tbm=isch&tbnid=1eVb2x6DzetcVM:&imgrefurl=http://www.supergreenme.com/NationalGeographicSociety&docid=E5Fbc0OQnwuVeM&imgurl=http://www.supergreenme.com/data/images/953/National-Geographic-Society.jpg&w=488&h=354&ei=63GhTuy0BOHm0QHnqrDNBA&zoom=1)Each* ***underlined*** *word MUST appear in your article*.

1. **Details of the Hazards /6**

* Location of the disaster (town/city, provincial/country)
* Approximate time and date the disaster took place
* Category of the hazard (geological, or meteorological)
* Measurement of the disaster (Richter scale, Saffir-Simpson scale, mm/hour)

1. **Effects of the Hazards /7**

* Number of people affected (injured, lost, dead, evacuated)
* Approximate cost of damage
* The damage done to the infrastructure (roads, highways, sewer system, etc.) and buildings (homes, schools, businesses)
* Quotes and comments from witnesses or survivors (you can make this up)

1. **Preventative Measures /5**

* Were any preventative measures (warnings, alerts, forecasting, building structures) taken by the city to prepare for a disaster, if not, why not?
* A future preventative measure that will be taken so that area will be prepared for the next hazard that occurs

1. **Recovery /4**

* What local Aid or global aid was used to help the victims in the short term?
* What aid is needed to help the victims and cities in the long term?
* Did the media cover this disaster (newspaper articles, journal articles, telethons, newscasts, etc?)

**Presentation** Includes a picture /1 Article is in ink /1

Catchy Title /1 **/25**