

MODULE 2

"Worst Natural Disasters in Human History"

[Natural phenomenon and disasters]

1) Match the natural disasters to the places and years in which they took place.

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| 1. FLU PANDEMIC | A. Central China, 1931 |
| 2. SHAANXI EARTHQUAKE | B. Egypt/Syria, 1202 |
| 3. FLOOD | C. North Korea, 1994 |
| 4. ARDUOUS MARCH | D. Bengal, 1970 |
| 5. DROUGHT | E. China, 1876 |
| 6. YELLOW RIVER FLOOD | F. All over the world, 1918 |
| 7. BHOLA CYCLONE | G. China, 1887 |
| 8. EARTHQUAKE OF ANTIOCH | H. China, 1556 |
| 9. FAMINE | I. East Pakistan, 1970 |
| 10. MEGAQUAKE | J. Syria, 576 AD |

2) Complete the following sentences.

The Arduous March began as a _____ which quickly made worse by a series of natural disasters.

The Bengal Famine was originally caused by a shortfall of _____ after a failure of a South-East _____ caused a severe _____.

The flu pandemic was the _____ in history and affected people suffering from _____ and _____ of war casualty hospitals and _____ after the First World War.

The Yellow River flood took place after the Yellow river _____ its banks and flooded large portions of Eastern China, causing _____ and _____ in millions.

The Shaanxi Earthquake is one of the deadliest on _____ and it led to the death of thousands as well as the absolute destruction of _____ areas.

3) Has a natural disaster ever happened in your country? Research one and write a report to present to the rest of the class.