Disaster Recovery

Procedure

A volcanic eruption blankets a community under a meter of ash. Luckily, the entire population left the area before the eruption. Now the returning citizens are faced with a huge cleanup job.

1. Collaborate  How can the citizens rebuild their community? Work in a group of four students to solve this problem. Record your decisions below.

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2. Communicate  Brainstorm the steps necessary to get the community functioning again. Consider ash cleanup, reconstruction, restarting schools and businesses, getting electricity back on, raising funds, and so on. Decide the order in which the steps need to be done.

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3. Classify  Determine whether each project will require government assistance and funding or private assistance and funding. Assign each project to the correct individual, group, or agency.

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Conclusion

1. **Communicate** Create a flow chart on a separate piece of paper to display the steps that will restore the community. Make separate branches in the chart for public and private projects. Decide who is responsible for completing each task.

2. **Communicate** Beneath your flow chart, write a brief article for the local newspaper that explains the plan to residents.

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**Ask Questions**

Research how a community rebuilt after the 1980 eruption of Mount St. Helens in Washington. **Compare** their actions to your ideas. What questions would you ask people who live near a volcano?

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