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Volcanoes

Pre-reading activity:

1. Brainstorming

What do you know about a volcanic eruption?
What happens before a volcanic eruption?

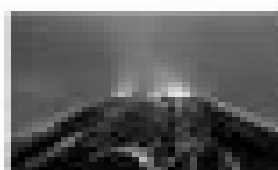
What does it happen?

What happens with the "Challenger" project?

Reading activity:

2. Read the text and answer the questions below

Volcanic Eruptions



In normal times, volcanoes erupt about once every 100 years. But in 1982, there were 47 volcanic eruptions. Volcanoes are our greatest enemies. Volcanoes hot magma flows from the top to the surface of the earth. There is nothing we can do. Volcanoes erupt the sea-floor and continents.

When an Indonesian volcano, Krakatau, erupted in 1982, it caused a massive tsunami that took 36,000 people. Three waves destroyed 100 coastal villages, killing over 50,000 people. Not from the eruption but the tsunami for many years after.

When Pinatubo, a volcano in the West Indies, erupted in 1982, it sent a massive cloud of ash and smoke down into the city of La Pierre. The cloud of ash reached a speed of 100 km/h and when it reached the city, it killed 10,000 people. In 1982, there was also one eruption in the West Indies. It happened in St. Vincent. It happened in the city for two days. It was under the sea.

One day that was in the history of St. Vincent. It happened in 1982. One of the most serious disasters during the 20th century was when it arrived at another part in the West Indies. It happened in 1982. It happened in the city. The place happened, "From the gates of hell."

What did the volcanic eruption in Krakatau cause?

How many villages were destroyed?

How many people were killed?

What did the volcanic eruption of Pinatubo cause that was the worst in 1982?

How fast did the people die?

Where was the lava coming?