

Unit 10 Reflection Assignment

Please choose one of the following options. Be sure to reply to another person's answer after you post your Reflection. Please cite your sources in line and at the end of your initial post for full credit.

Purpose:

How does a disaster reveal existing social problems? How can disaster become an opportunity for weaving social justice through a community? These reflections will help you address these complicated questions.

Option 1: Disaster Response and Individual Agency

If you had ten minutes to leave your home because of a natural disaster, what would you take with you?

Check out one of these resources to help you think through what you might need. You could also actually do some preparation. If you take action to prepare, please note that in your answer, and you'll get extra credit for your response.

This blog has more details on preparing a Go Bag: [Go Bags](#)

This infographic talks about preparing for wildfire: [Wildfire Preparation Infographic](#)

Or this site has more general information: [Natural Disasters and Severe Weather](#)

Have you thought of what you need for medicine: [Preparing your Medicine Cabinet for Disasters](#)

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Option 2: Disaster Recovery and Community Action

How prepared is your community? Do you have a long-term recovery group? What about a disaster recovery plan? Take some time to explore what resources your community already has in place for disaster preparedness and response. Can people of all social locations access these resources equally? If not, what would make a difference?

Option 3: Disasters, Power, and Privilege

As you read the stories of the survivors of the Otis wildfires, where do you see overlapping social problems? Do people recover equally? What evidence supports your answer?

Option 4: Interdependent Action for Social Justice

As you explore all the ways in which people, communities, and agencies responded to the wildfires and their aftermath, where do you see social justice in action? Which social problems theories explain what occurred? You may look at the Echo Mountain Fire specifically, the Labor Day 2020 Fires that happened across Oregon, or any wildfire experience you may be familiar with.

Criteria for Success:

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This assignment is worth 15 points, including your initial illustration and post (150-200 words), and your response to another student. Please **define and apply** at least one sociological term or concept.

Your response could answer what made you think, what made you curious to know more, or what did you resonate with. The response should be 100-150 words and go beyond "Great answer" or "Good Job".

Also, as good scientists, we cite our sources. **Please remember to use parentheses in your text, like (Puttman 2024:3), AND add the complete citation at the end of your post.**

To review the rubric used to grade your discussion posts, click the three dot menu in the upper right corner of the screen.