



Hurricane Katrina and Collecting from a Disaster

with curator David Shayt

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Discussion Questions

The following questions can be used for in-class discussion or short written responses from students after listening to the podcast.

- How do you think history will remember this disaster?
- How do you think the artifacts David Shayt collected will help to tell the story? What other artifacts might help future generations understand this event?
- What aspects of the story of Hurricane Katrina do you think can be told with the objects Shayt collected? What artifacts that David Shayt collected were most interesting to you and why?

Related Resources from the National Museum of American History

- Featured Object: Collecting Katrina
<http://americanhistory.si.edu/collections/object.cfm?key=35&objkey=753>
- September 11: Teaching Contemporary History
<http://smithsonianconference.org/september11/>

Related Thinkfinity Resources

- Hurricanes –from Science NetLinks– http://www.sciencenetlinks.com/sci_update.php?DocID=68
- The Eye of the Hurricane—from National Geographic Xpeditions
<http://www.nationalgeographic.com/xpeditions/lessons/07/g35/trythishurricane.html>

Related National Standards for U.S. History (National Center for History in the Schools)

- Era 10: Contemporary United States (1968 to present)

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