

Station 5: Rebuilding: Should We or Shouldn't We?

The goal of this station is to build an argument to answer whether or not people should rebuild in disaster-prone urban areas.

Review student sheet before starting station activities.

Step 1: The Aftermath

- Preview the handout “Rebuilding: Should We or Shouldn't We.”
- Watch the video segment [Architecture in the Lower Ninth Ward](#) as a group.
 - After watching the segment, record any facts, interviews, and images that stood out to you on your t-chart.
 - Compare your list with your group.
 - Add any missing information to your chart.
- Watch the video segment [Introduction: Hurricane Sandy](#) as a group.
 - After watching the segment, record any facts, interviews, and images that stood out to you on your t-chart.
 - Compare your list with your group.
 - Add any missing information to your chart.
- Answer the two summary questions at the bottom of the graphic organizer.

Step 2: For and Against

- Complete the section “For and Against.”
 - Consider the following question: *Should rebuilding always be a part of natural disaster recovery in urban areas?*
 - Cite evidence from the video segments in Step 1 to support both possible answers.

Step 3: Take a Position

- Complete the section “Take a Position.”
 - Take a yes or no position in response to the question in Step 2.
 - Write your answer to the question in the form of an editorial in an online newspaper.

Step 4: Data Collection Sheet

- Use your Data Collection Sheet to note how this station helped you answer any of the essential questions:
 - How do we prepare for disasters?
 - What are some emotional, physical, mental, and financial effects of disasters?
 - What role do human strength and resilience play in recovering from disasters?