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?