Chernobyl Explosion News Article Activity

- Read the article “Experts Find Reduced Effects of Chernobyl” (http://www.nytimes.com/learning/teachers/featured_articles/20050907wednesday.html)

- Copy and paste the Questions below in a Google Document and answer the following questions; summit in google classroom.

  - Where is Chernobyl, and what happened there nearly 20 years ago?
  - What events took place immediately after the accident?
  - What does the new scientific report, “Chernobyl’s Legacy: Health, Environmental and Socio-Economic Impacts,” reveal about the aftereffects of the Chernobyl disaster?
  - Who is responsible for the report, according to the article?
  - Approximately how many deaths were probably directly related to the Chernobyl disaster?
  - How many might be considered “attributable” to the disaster?
  - How many people continue to be severely affected by the disaster?
  - How many people receive some type of benefit related to the Chernobyl disaster, according to the article?
  - What are some examples of the kinds of benefits offered to victims of this event?
  - What is “the mental health impact” of the Chernobyl disaster, as described in the report?
  - What are some examples of risky behavior Chernobyl victims might engage in, and why might they be prone to this type of behavior?
  - What is the “exclusion zone”?
  - What is the Chernobyl Forum?
  - How did thyroid cancer become widespread in the region after the disaster?
  - To which other countries with “naturally occurring background radiation” does the article compare the areas classified as contaminated by Chernobyl?
  - To which geographical location does Dr. Mettler compare these areas?
  - Which people, according to the report, should be considered worthy of “substantial material assistance”?
  - What suggestions do the researchers have for the others designated as victims of Chernobyl?

After answering the above questions, choose a website article from below to investigate. Write down how the content of the second article affect your personal opinion of Chernobyl.
“Chernobyl: The True Scale of the Accident”


“History of the United Nations and Chernobyl”


“Facts and Figures”


As a class, we will go through and discuss these three questions to the article tomorrow.

1. Do you think an explosion like Chernobyl could be prevented in the future? Why or why not?
2. What kind of support do you believe the people affected by Chernobyl should receive?
3. Even though reports say that the effect on citizens has been mild, do you believe that is the case? Why or why not?