

Hurricane/Tropical Storm Tracking Assignment

Geography @ HSPVA

In this assignment you will be required to track all named storms from now until the end of hurricane season.

The purpose of this assignment is to help you a.) learn to plot locations on the Earth using latitude & longitude; b.) understand the forces that effect weather and tropical cyclonic activity in particular; c.) maintain an accurate record over time; d.) be a aware of one of the most dangerous forces effecting the lives of those of us who live on the Gulf Coast..

By now you should have obtained a hurricane tracking chart from a local grocery store (if not, see me). Every Monday, Wednesday and Friday you will determine the location (one of the five themes of Geography) of any named storms. You will then enter that information into the log provided. Then plot the storm on your map, (tracking chart).

I will be doing the same thing. The more closely your log & chart match mine, the higher your grade. I will deduct three (3) points for each inaccurately logged or plotted storm.

This counts as a test grade. It is due three days before the end of the first and second six week marking periods.

You can obtain the information you need from a variety of sources including the local TV weather, the radio, several web-sites including the National Hurricane Center's site and the newspaper. Alternatively, you may use the coordinates I post on the board each Red day.

This should be an easy grade. The hardest part for most ninth graders is not losing the chart. I suggest you get a cheap folder dedicated to this project.

Happy tracking!