



# Floods

## **You Are There**

This book discusses how scientists and engineers work hard to protect people living near dams and levees. But sometimes dams and levees fail anyway. Imagine you are a boy or girl living in New Orleans, Louisiana, after Hurricane Katrina caused the levees to fail and your city was flooded. The Army Corps of Engineers has just arrived to convince you to help set up an evacuation plan. Will you work with them to make your city safe in the future? How do your parents and other adults feel?



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## **Another View**

This book has a lot of information about how floods affect people around the world. As you know, every source is different. Ask a librarian or another adult to help you find another source about floods. Write a short essay comparing and contrasting the new source's point of view with that of this book's author. What is the point of view of each source? How are they similar and why? How are they different and why?



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## Surprise Me

Chapter Two of this book discusses the impact of ice jams. The way that ice jams affect the surrounding countryside can be interesting and surprising. After reading this book, what two or three facts about ice jams did you find most surprising? Write a few sentences about each fact. Why did you find them surprising?



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## **Dig Deeper**

After reading this book, what questions do you have about flood science? Do you want to learn more about how flood researchers work in the office? Or the work they do in the field? Write down one or two questions that can guide you in doing research. With an adult's help, find some reliable sources about this profession that can help answer your questions. Write a few sentences about how you did your research and what you learned from it.