



Introduction to the worksheets for Chapter 11

Hurricane Katrina

On August 29, 2005, the beautiful city of New Orleans was hit by a terrible hurricane, Hurricane Katrina. Many parts of the city were destroyed, and most of the city was flooded.

New Orleans is famous for its French Quarter, its architecture, its music, its jazz festival, its Mardi Gras celebration and parades every February, and particularly for its special food.

Two years later, most of the well-known tourist areas are functioning again, and the festivals are taking place again. Recovery is happening, but it is not complete.

Some residents had to leave the city and can't return because their homes have been lost forever.

The first two readings in this chapter are blogs about personal experiences in the hurricane. The third reading is a recipe for a special New Orleans kind of donut, a square one called a *beignet*.



This mailbox at 2005 Lizardi Street in New Orleans, which was missing its house, was one of a number of objects collected for the Museum of American History.