

Hollywood Gets Physical (Geography)...or does it?

The closest many people will get to experiencing extreme events on our planet is watching it in a movie. That may be a good thing...you may not agree. Hollywood has been a source of "popular culture" for years. It may be difficult to believe, but at times, Hollywood has stretched the truth to make movies more exciting and make more money. I know...it's hard to believe...but it's true! I saw it in a movie!!

Assignment

First, you need to find a major motion picture which has some aspect of physical geography as its central theme. Earthquakes, tornados, hurricanes...big huge rocks crashing into us from space! Make sure it is a movie you will be able to view completely...ie. Not something from the 1930's that you can't get a copy of! Once you have picked a movie, sign up for it on the sheet provided. The first one to pick a movie gets it...everyone needs their own title. The longer you wait...the harder it will be to find one...so don't wait too long.

Once you have your movie...**WATCH IT!** Then answer the following questions (in paragraph form)

1. What is the main geographic theme behind the movie? (Earthquake? Volcano?)
2. Write a short summary of the plot of the movie, concentrating on how the geographic them is addressed. (How do they show it in action...what happens to the people?)
3. Critique the movie from the point of view of the factual accuracy. For example, have things such as time, intensity, space been distorted to make the movie. What is good? What is bad? What is beyond bad?
4. Do you feel that the movie is a reasonable depiction of the geographic events? For example...if someone asked you to suggest a movie that would accurately inform them about "event x"...would you suggest this movie?
5. Pick a particularly memorable clip from the movie and be prepared to share it with the class.

Pick a movie by Friday March 1 (sign up sheet will be available)
Presentation date....TBA (several weeks away!)