

Std-5 Social Studies Assignment

Ch-14 Natural Disasters

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Answer these questions.

1. Explain the causes of volcanic eruptions.

Ans: Volcanoes erupt when molten rocks, gases and steam force their way out through weak points in the surface of the earth. Sometimes the interior movement of the earth also causes volcanic eruptions.

2. What are the potential threats of volcanic eruptions?

Ans: Mostly active volcanoes are dangerous and they pose many potential threats.

- i) The ash and toxic gases released by the volcano are harmful for the environment.
 - ii) Sometimes whole cities or towns are covered by the thick lava sheets and destroyed.
 - iii) In case of explosive eruptions, whole islands may be submerged or new islands may rise in the adjacent oceans.
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