Name: ___________________________ 

Video: “Wild Weather”

Watch a Video

Teachers: Students can read the questions before they watch the video. That way, they’ll know what to pay attention to while watching!

1. A swirling, funnel-shaped cloud is called a _________________.
   ○ hurricane ○ tornado ○ drought

2. What is one thing that could happen during a hurricane?
   ________________________________________________________________
   ________________________________________________________________
   ________________________________________________________________

3. Describe what it is like during a drought.
   ________________________________________________________________
   ________________________________________________________________
   ________________________________________________________________
Read and Think

Read your issue of Scholastic News. As you read, answer the questions below.

1. Read “A Volcano Erupts.” Then

   When and where did Mount Tambora erupt?

   ___________________________________________________________________________
   ___________________________________________________________________________

2. Read “A Thick Cloud Spreads.” Then

   What happened to the weather once the cloud spread around the world?

   ___________________________________________________________________________
   ___________________________________________________________________________

3. Read “A Colder World.” Then

   After the volcano erupted, people in the U.S. could not get enough food to eat. Why?

   ___________________________________________________________________________
   ___________________________________________________________________________

4. Read “A Surprise Invention.” Then

   How did the invention of the bicycle help people in 1816?

   ___________________________________________________________________________
   ___________________________________________________________________________
Odd weather has been reported around the world! In China, ______
_____________________________________________________.
In the United States, ____________
_____________________________________________________.
Some people are calling this the “Year Without a Summer.”

Scientists think they know why this is happening. In Indonesia, a
disaster volcano called ______________ erupted. It ___________________ 
____________________________________________.

A huge cloud has spread around the planet. The cloud is blocking the sun. This has caused the
weather to ___________________
______________________________________.  

But there’s some good news to come out of all this. A man has invented the _______________.
He invented it because __________ 
_____________________________________.

People around the world are hoping the weather will be back to normal soon!
Name: 

Word Work

Answer the questions about vocabulary words from your issue of Scholastic News.

1. When something erupts, it ________________.
   ○ stops  ○ explodes  ○ freezes

2. Draw what it might have looked like when Mount Tambora erupted.

3. Why was the cold weather bad for the crops?
   _________________________________________________________________
   _________________________________________________________________

Issue: The Volcano That Stopped Summer

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1. What is this article mostly about? [main idea]
   A why volcanoes erupt
   B the invention of the bicycle
   C how the weather changed after a volcano erupted

2. When something erupts, it _________________. [vocabulary]
   A explodes
   B gets quiet
   C stops moving

3. After the volcano erupted, a big cloud kept light and heat from reaching Earth. What happened next? [cause/effect]
   A Earth’s temperature got warmer.
   B Earth’s temperature got colder.
   C Farmers grew too many crops.

4. The author wrote, “There wasn’t much food for people to buy, so the food that was left became really expensive. A lot of people didn’t get enough to eat.” What do you think she means by this? [making inferences]
   A A lot of people didn’t have enough money to buy food.
   B A lot of people threw their food out.
   C There was no food for anyone to buy.

5. A man invented the bicycle because _____________. [key details]
   A people didn’t like horses anymore
   B people needed a way to get around that didn’t cost a lot
   C there were no horses left in the U.S.