Hurricane Katrina: The Failure of the Disaster Process and the Federal Government

Directions:

Please answer the following questions in paragraph form. If you are hand writing do not skip lines. If you are typing your essay please have your paper double spaced, Times New Roman, and font 12. This assignment will be considered your Chapter 4 Section 2 Test. It is due Tuesday at the beginning of class.

Those who plan on typing their essay can send their essay to me electronically to the following address: [jms712@gmail.com](mailto:jms712@gmail.com)

Questions:

1).What is the Disaster Process Procedure for the United States Federal Government?

2).What was the estimated devastations of Hurricane Katrina before it landed in New Orleans? What are your thoughts on the government of the city of New Orleans and not wanting Amtrak trains to take as many people out of the city as they could?

3).Describe what New Orleans was like when Hurricane Katrina landed in New Orleans? Why was the Louisiana Super Dome selected as a shelter during the storm? What were some of the things that happened to Super Dome as Hurricane Katrina landed?

4).As the Hurricane hit was happening to the levees that protected New Orleans? Why were they giving way to the storm surge? Why was the “Funnel” so important to the destruction of New Orleans? What did it create?

5).What were your first thoughts as you saw the lower 9th ward as the storm hit it. What did the documentary say about the poverty rate of this particular neighborhood of New Orleans? Do you think that due to high levels of poverty that many people living in the 9th Ward could not get out of New Orleans before the hurricane hit? Why?

6).Describe the communication between FEMA Director Michael Brown and President Bush after the Hurricane Katrina landed in New Orleans. Was his analysis correct in regards to the damage?

8).As the storm left and New Orleans is under water what is going on in the streets of New Orleans? Can anyone get out of the city? Why or Why not? Where the majority of those who survived?

9).Supplies can’t get to the Louisiana Super Dome do to flooded highway and 16 feet of water. What is happening to those stuck in the Dome? How about outside?

10).In your opinion do you think the National Guard and FEMA reacted slowly to Hurricane Katrina? What are the police doing to looters in the streets?

11). Do you think the Federal government took too long to intervene? Should protocol in regards to following the 6 steps of the disaster process be reevaluated due to what happened in New Orleans? Why or why not.

12). If a category 5 hurricane lands again in New Orleans what do you think will happen? Will New Orleans, the state of Louisiana, and the Untied Stated Federal government be ready this time?