Directions for Three-Person Projects

As a three-person team, you not only have to complete the paper, presentation, outline and quiz, but will also have to research an event that impacted the ecology in your Biome.

Using any source available to you, find an event in the last 100 years that shaped the ecosystem in a particular area of your biome. Events can include but are not limited to natural disasters (hurricanes, earthquakes, tsunamis, volcanic eruptions) or man-made events (oil spill, war, radiation/chemical exposures, large construction projects).

You must find multiple sources that document this event and you must discuss this in both your paper and your presentation. Be sure to address the following questions.

1) When and where did this even take place?
2) What was the cause of this event? Could it have been prevented? If applicable, what was man’s role in this event?
3) What biotic and abiotic factors were immediately impacted?
4) What were some long-term effects of this event on the ecosystem?
5) What ecological recovery efforts took place following the event? What organization or individual(s) are responsible for any improvements?