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Activities

Nature's Most Violent Storms

Name: _____ Date: _____

Remember in *The Wizard of Oz* where a twister grabs Dorothy's house and hurls it across the sky? Although that's fiction, tornadoes deserve their claim as nature's most violent storms. You'll take a close look at how tornadoes form and how to stay safe when one strikes in this Planet Diary activity.

Directions

- Start at Tornadoes. Read the info above and below the first two pictures, then answer Workspace questions 1 and 2.
- Go to Tornadoes: Formation and Safety Tips. Drag the scrubber below the graphic to answer Workspace questions 3 through 6.
- Check out Hunt for the Supertwister. Click the link below the tornado picture (on the right) to see a tornado visualization.

Workspace

1. What is the definition of a tornado?

2. What's the difference between a weak, strong, and violent tornado?

3. How do supercell thunderstorms begin?

4. What causes the rising air to rotate?

5. What is a vortex?

6. Summarize the tornado survival safety tips.

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