

## BCMS Article of the Week #2.3

2019-20

Many People Are Hurt After 3 Tornadoes Hit Parts of Louisiana

Student \_\_\_\_\_

Class \_\_\_\_\_

Due Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**Instructions: COMPLETE ALL QUESTIONS AND MARGIN NOTES using the reading strategies practiced in class. This requires reading of the article three times.**

**Step 1: Read (skim)** the article using these symbols as you read:

(+) agree, (-) disagree, (\*) important, (!) surprising, (?) wondering

**Step 2: Read** the article **carefully** and **make notes in the margin**.

**\*\*\* Your margin notes are part of your score for this assessment.**

Notes:

- Comments that show that you **understand** the article
- Connections you make (text-to-self, text-to-text, text-to-world)
- **Questions** you have - show what you are **wondering** about as you read.
- As needed - notes that differentiate between **fact vs opinion, cause vs effect**.
- Observations about the **writer's craft** (word choice)

**Step 3: A final quick read** noting anything you may have missed during the first two reads.

**Step 4: Answer questions on looseleaf.** Remember to use complete sentences and to always include details (the evidence) to support your answer.

### NEWSLA

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Eshon Trosclair holds her son, Camron Chapital, after a tornado tore through her home while they were inside on February 7, 2017, in New Orleans, Louisiana. The National Weather Service said at least three

### Margin Notes

*(my thoughts, reactions and questions; Facts vs Opinions; Causes/Effects; Summary; Writer's Craft)*

confirmed tornadoes touched down, including one inside the New Orleans city limits. Buildings were damaged and power lines went down. AP/Gerald Herbert

### **Margin Notes**

NEW ORLEANS, La. — Brittany Ross was getting ready to eat. She was thinking that her aunt's white beans smelled delicious. Then, the tornado hit without warning. The swirling tube of wind shook her trailer back and forth.

"The place started shaking, kind of twisting," she said.

The tornado lifted her trailer off the ground, Ross said. Then, it slammed it down, smashing it apart. Ross, her aunt and two others crawled out of the smashed home. They were not hurt, but suddenly they were homeless.

### **Tornadoes Blew Through Fast**

The tornado that struck Ross' home was not the only one. Several other tornadoes also blew through southeastern Louisiana this week.

The tornadoes ripped apart homes. They flipped cars and trucks. They also knocked down power lines, making the lights go out in thousands of buildings.

About 40 people were hurt during the storms. Luckily, no one died.

### **"We Ran In The House"**

Artie Chaney was caught in one of the tornados. She and her granddaughter had just driven up to their house when the storm hit.

Chaney "saw the clouds moving fast," she said. "I heard this sound." Before they knew it, the tornado was speeding toward them.

"We ran in the house," Chaney said. "The lights went out. We ran down the hallway to the middle bedroom and then we just heard glass shattering. We thought we weren't gonna make it. It seemed like it lasted a long time."

Chaney said the whole thing was very frightening. She feels very lucky that no one was hurt.

### **People Were Not Hurt Too Badly**

Towns near Baton Rouge also got hit. Baton Rouge is the capital city of Louisiana. In Donaldsonville, three people were slightly hurt. Several homes and buildings were knocked down.

A number of houses were also smashed in nearby Killian. An elderly man and woman were hurt, said Killian's mayor, Craig McGehee. They had some broken bones.

The two were outside when the tornado hit. They were "blown completely across the street," McGehee said. Big pieces of rocks were flying around them. Somehow, they were not badly hurt.

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"The good Lord was looking after them," McGehee said. They could have been killed.

*Article from Newsela*

### **Comprehension Questions**

Answer the following questions on **looseleaf**. Use **complete sentences**. **Always include relevant supporting information** from the text to support what you are saying.

1. List 5 words or phrases used by the author, or the witnesses, that communicate the idea that experiencing a tornado can be terrifying.
2. Why do you think the author uses section titles?
3. What do you learn if you read just the section titles?
4. What are **two** things we can learn about surviving extremes in nature from this article?