

What do you know?

Part of being a good reader is having background knowledge. There are several topics that are discussed throughout Mike Mullin’s *Ashfall* that are very important to the development of the story. In small groups, you are responsible for becoming an “expert” on your assigned topic.

You will be assigned to one of these topics:

Taekwondo	Disaster preparedness	World of Warcraft
Earthquake safety	Volcanoes	Yellowstone National Park
Silicosis	Ashfall	Scurvy

1. **Poster/Powerpoint/Podcast.** You will need to make a poster, Powerpoint, or Podcast that illustrates your knowledge. Use pictures, 5-10 vocabulary words (with definitions), and color to show us what you know. You should use a standard posterboard to make an informational poster, or use 12-15 slides for a Powerpoint. You could even create a Podcast/movie/etc. Try to include pictures, charts, graphs, and other visual representations to demonstrate your knowledge.
2. **Presentation.** You will then create a presentation for the class that shows what you have learned. Your presentation should include:
 - a. Important vocabulary
 - b. Important people
 - c. Examples/demonstrations/illustrations/photos
 - d. Anything else you think is necessary
 - e. Where to find more information

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Common Core Anchor Standards:

CCSS.ELA-Literacy.CCRA.R.7 Integrate and evaluate content presented in diverse media and formats, including visually and quantitatively, as well as in words.

CCSS.ELA-Literacy.CCRA.R.10 Read and comprehend complex literary and informational texts independently and proficiently.

CCSS.ELA-Literacy.CCRA.SL.1 Prepare for and participate effectively in a range of conversations and collaborations with diverse partners, building on others' ideas and expressing their own clearly and persuasively.

CCSS.ELA-Literacy.CCRA.SL.2 Integrate and evaluate information presented in diverse media and formats, including visually, quantitatively, and orally.

CCSS.ELA-Literacy.CCRA.SL.5 Make strategic use of digital media and visual displays of data to express information and enhance understanding of presentations.

CCSS.ELA-Literacy.CCRA.L.1 Demonstrate command of the conventions of standard English grammar and usage when writing or speaking.

CCSS.ELA-Literacy.CCRA.L.2 Demonstrate command of the conventions of standard English capitalization, punctuation, and spelling when writing.

CCSS.ELA-Literacy.CCRA.L.6 Acquire and use accurately a range of general academic and domain-specific words and phrases sufficient for reading, writing, speaking, and listening at the college and career readiness level; demonstrate independence in gathering vocabulary knowledge when encountering an unknown term important to comprehension or expression.