

Fundamentalism and Terrorism Anti-Terrorism Campaign



STUDENT ACTIVITY: Information and Infrastructure Protection

The United States Department of Homeland Security, Division of Information and Infrastructure Protection

Write your group's description of the roles and responsibilities of this division, and then answer the questions that follow. Use additional paper if necessary.

Roles:

Responsibilities:

According to the U.S. Department of Homeland Security Web site, (<http://www.whitehouse.gov/deptofhomeland/>), the Division of Information and Infrastructure Protection will identify and assess current and future threats to the homeland, map those threats against our current vulnerabilities, inform the President, issue timely warnings, and immediately take or effect appropriate preventive and protective action.

1. What might some of the sources be that would indicate a potential terrorist threat?

2. What other intelligence gathering agencies should this division work with?

3. How should this department communicate the threat of terrorism to national, state, and local public safety agencies and citizens? In what ways should the Department of Homeland Security work with these agencies?
4. In what ways should this department translate the analysis of information into action or steps to be taken once a terrorist threat is realized? In what ways can this be done in the shortest possible amount of time?
5. On separate sheets of paper, describe a comprehensive national plan for protecting each of the following parts of our infrastructure: food, water, agriculture, health systems and emergency services, energy (electrical, nuclear, gas and oil, dams), transportation (air, road, rail, ports, waterways), information and telecommunications, banking and finance, energy, transportation, chemical, defense industry, postal and shipping, and national monuments and icons.