

Final Project Possibilities

I've not decided on the format for the project (paper, poster session, class discussion, individual/team?). But here are a few ideas I'd like to float by you as we inch up on project decisions.

1. Analyze the recent events of **Hurricane Katrina** (and Rita?) through the lens of our course. Are hurricanes really coming more often and with more intensity? Is this associated with climate change or not? What might we expect if abrupt climate change occurred? Discuss mind change events (yours, media, American public, our governments) associated with these events. *Think about the power of learning about something that is unfolding in the US right now.*
2. Discuss the troubling data signals from **the Arctic** today. What do they mean for climate change and the possibilities for abrupt change? Is the Arctic the canary for abrupt climate change today?
3. Learn about and analyze an abrupt change event linked to **past civilization collapse**. Learn about both the science/climate/data side and how it led to collapse of a civilization. What role did abrupt climate change play? What role did human decision making, culture, and influence on the environment play?