



**Texas City Disaster  
7<sup>th</sup> Grade Questions**

1) Based on the image in slide 1 what is your impression of Texas City?

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2) What happened to the *SS Grandcamp*?

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3) What happened to the Texas City Fire Fighters combating the fire on the *SS Grandcamp*?

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4) Why did Harold J. "Bumpy" Baumgartner look for shelter after the explosion?

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5) Why was shrapnel a problem?

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6) What did Harold J. “Bumpy” Baumgartner say would have happened if he had stayed at home?

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7) Based on the images throughout this PSA, how would you describe the damage to Texas City?

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8) What happened to the Monsanto chemical plant after the explosion?

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9) What happened to the Monsanto chemical plant first shift workers?

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10) What happened to James R. Fair after the explosion?

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11) What was James R. Fair's job after the explosion?

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12) Based on the pictures of the docks, what conclusions can you draw about the scale of the damage? Explain.

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13) Based on the written accounts and images, how did the explosions affect the residential areas?

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14) How did Herb Medsger survive the explosion?

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15) What role did John M. Thiel play in aiding those injured in the Texas City explosions?

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16) How long did Thiel work in the operating room?

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17) What was Calvin Perry “Pappy” Martin doing when the *SS Grandcamp* exploded?

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18) What happened to Calvin Perry “Pappy” Martin’s home and wife?

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19) What kind of damage did the docks, refineries, plants, and residential areas suffer from the explosions of the *SS Grandcamp* and *SS High Flyer*?

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20) Why did people go and watch the SS Grandcamp when it was burning?

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21) Based on the text and images, what is your impression of the medical situation in Texas City after the explosion?

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22) Why were mass funerals needed?

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23) Based on what you have learned about the Texas City Disaster If you where a city manager what emergency plans would you recommend a city develop?

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