

The Flood of 1955

Buried in Water Video & Worksheet

Use the following questions to guide your viewing of [Mattatuck Moments: Buried in Water](#)

1. Which rivers were mainly effected by Hurricane Connie and Hurricane Diane?
 - a. Mad River, Shepaug River, Housatonic, and most importantly, Naugatuck River.
2. Which other disaster in Waterbury, prior to the Flood of 1955, left a lasting impact on the city?
 - a. 1902 – The Great Fire, which desimated the downtown retail area
3. Which area(s) of waterbury was most impacted by the flood?
 - a. The west side
 - b. The south end
 - c. Brooklyn neighborhood
4. What were the biggest losses as a result of flooding?
 - a. Loss of life
 - b. Financial loss
 - i. Commercial hubs flooded
 - c. Neighborhoods destroyed
 - i. 17 homes ripped from their foundation
5. While the Flood was described as cleaving the city in two, in what ways did it work to unify city residents? Give specific examples.
 - a. It fostered a sense of community
 - i. Police, firefighters, local business, and public worked to preserve human life
 - b. Sikorsky loaned by national guard flew hunders of rescue missions and food supplies
 - c. Coca Cola provided water
 - d. Clean up crews as soon as water receded
6. What disease outbreak did city residents fear and how did they combat its risk?
 - a. Typhoid Fever
 - b. 8,000 residents innoculated

