US/AZ Government Federalism Project

Purpose:
You will gain an understanding of Federalism. The students will understand the relation between states and the federal government and unfortunate events in American history have shown federalism.

Materials:
United States Constitution
Internet

Events
Federalism is the duel system of government that America uses to run its government. Below is a list of disasters that have taken place within the United States within the past 50-years.

1. Terrorist attacks—September 11, 2001
2. Hurricane Katrina—August 29, 2005
3. New York Power Outage—August 14, 2003
4. Minnesota Bridge Collapse—August 1, 2007
5. Southern California Wild Fires—October 23, 2007
6. 3-Mile Island Incident—March 25, 1979
7. Oklahoma City Bombing—April 19, 1995
8. Little Rock Incident—September 4, 1957
9. Virginia Tech—April 16, 2007
10. Columbine Shootings—April 20, 1997
11. Kent State Shootings—May 4, 1970

Procedure:
You may work individually or in a group of no more than three. You will select one event from the events listed. Any event not on this list, will not count.

Give a summary of what happened at this incident. (What happened? Who was affected by it? Where/when did it happen? What were the forces or people behind it?)

You must state what actions the local government, state government, and federal government (if available) took in response to the incident.
a. How did these governments work together
b. What type of power conflicts were involved between the different forms of governments? (If none available, then state what could have been a realistic problem between the governments.)
c. What steps do you think should have happened by both the state and federal government? Explain why you would have taken these steps.

Product:
The final product will be either Word or PowerPoint with all questions answered to receive full credit. Include examples from the Constitution when talking about the roles of the state and federal government. Email to instructor when finished by the due date given.