

## *Amchitka: The Legacy of Nuclear Testing in Alaska*

### **OBJECTIVES**

1. Discuss the environmental impacts of the bombings of Amchitka
2. Discuss how the bombings impacted people's health
3. Discuss the government's role in these bombings.

### **BRIDGES TO OBJECTIVES**

1. Understand how the environmental consequences and health consequences overlap.
2. Understanding the government's role in these impacts can help plan for how to avoid disasters like these in the future.
3. Consider why advocacy is important especially in terms of the government and government agencies neglecting to assess the impacts of the blasts or help the communities.

### **DISCUSSION QUESTIONS**

1. What were some significant impacts that the bombings of Amchitka Island?
2. Who should take responsibility for the consequences and how?
3. Why were the bombings considered controversial? What are the different sides of the arguments?

## OTHER RESOURCES

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