

THE END OF THE WORLD

It's the middle of just another Wednesday morning, and you're sitting in Fundamentals of Communication class, enthralled by the knowledge you are receiving, when all of the sudden, a frantic Public Safety officer dashes into the room with shocking news: "Saddam Hussein has just declared war against the United States for the destruction of his people!" The rest of the class calms the shaken Public Safety officer, while your instructor calmly turns on the TV. The announcer tells us that Hussein has a nuclear warhead in his possession, and has targeted it on Minneapolis. The wind is out of the east today, so we are in the fallout zone. The warhead is due to impact on Minneapolis in 60 minutes. Everyone in the Mankato vicinity is to be evacuated into a bomb shelter in nearby Eagle Lake. Everyone is allowed to bring five items with them to the bomb shelter. From the following list, select five items and rank them in terms of importance:

PICTURES OF YOUR IMMEDIATE FAMILY AND RELATIVES

A BOX OF NOURISHING FOOD

JESSIE, THE PET DOG YOU HAVE HAD SINCE JUNIOR HIGH

A GUN

A VALUED PICASSO ORIGINAL

WARM CLOTHING

A BATTERY OPERATED RADIO

AN AXE

A PERSONAL COMPUTER

Instructor's Note: A nice activity to explore Maslow's Hierarchy of Needs