The Great East Japan Earthquake (A)

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The tsunami hit the coastlines from 130,800 villages and caused significant damage. The tsunami was estimated to be the most powerful in Japan's history and caused massive destruction throughout the region. The following are some effects of the tsunami:

1. Loss of life and property damage
2. Displacement of people
3. Damage to infrastructure
4. Economic impact

Add some recovery efforts to mitigate the effects of the tsunami.
The 9.1 magnitude earthquake occurred on March 11, 2011. The quakes started off the coast of northeast Japan (Tohoku) and pounded the inland for 6 minutes. It then set off waves that could exceed 100 feet tall traveling up to 434 mph.
Before

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Before the tsunami hit Japan had close knit community, small shops, a few tall buildings, and small forests like ecosystems. But soon it would all change.

After

After the tsunami everything was ruined. There was now flat, barren lands, new water formations, debris everywhere, and plant life was turned to mush.
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The tsunami in Japan caused about 300,000 citizens to lose their home, and close to 19,000 people dead or missing. Most who survived are still living in temporary housing today. The country recently unveiled a newly installed, upgraded tsunami warning system because of this catastrophic event.
Japan is struggling to rebuild towns and villages, and clean up radiation from the level 7 meltdown at the Fukushima nuclear plant. They've spent $250 billion and will continue to rebuild into March 2016. On the positive side of things farming and fishing has resumed in some areas. Plants and animals are still struggling.