

Isle de Jean Charles

1. As you watch the film, **note how families living on the Isle de Jean Charles have experienced drastic changes in their lifetime.** Due to rising sea levels, coastal erosion, and increasingly severe storms, the island could be underwater in less than 50 years. Some say the next major hurricane could destroy the island.

2. What are some advantages and disadvantages for living near the coast?

3. What do the characters in the film like and dislike about living on the Louisiana coast?

4. What is a hurricane? Is human activity increasing the frequency or severity of hurricanes?

5. In 2012, Hurricane Isaac created a storm surge on the Island de Jean Charles. There was no way of getting out for the residents who did not evacuate. Do you think people should be forced to leave their homes during a hurricane? Why or why not?

6. The people of the Isle de Jean Charles think they are quickly becoming climate refugees, people who must leave their homes because of the effects of climate change. If the Isle de Jean Charles goes underwater, what could be lost? What might the residents of the island lose if they became climate refugees?

7. Research three other examples of climate refugees

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7. If you were in Edison Dardar's shoes, would you stay on the island? Why or why not?