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The Wrath Of God -
Tornado Alley

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Essential Question <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=56CfBbHZDGM>

What really happened at the Tri-State Tornado?

Cue: Review: Thoughts: Main Idea
Tornado by
Many names
Natchez Tornado
St. Louis
“cyclone”
Tri-State Tornado
March 18, 1925
Begins near
Annapolis, Missouri

NOTE Taking AREA:

Following is based off the video listed above by [AMichiganRailroader](#)

- **Tornadoes are known by many names:**
The Finger of God, The Tempest but the name that stuck was the Spanish version *El Tornado* which means: *the Spiral*
- **Tornado Alley is located in the United States know as the American Great Plains**
- **Tornadoes form from when tropical air, from the Gulf of Mexico (mT), intersect desert air that flood out of the Southwest Rockies (cP)**
- **Tornadoes are the blue prints to the galaxies because you see the counter clockwise spiraling rotation.**
- **The Natchez Tornado of 1840**
 - This mile wide tornado came up the Mississippi River killing over 317 people.
- **In 1896 the St. Louis “cyclone” killed over 300 people as it crossed the Mississippi River.**
 - Just east of St. Louis was hit the hardest when a Category F₄ – F₅ tornado struck this community
- **The Tri-State Tornado of 1925 (category F₅) is the most known mystery ever recorded in history.**
 - This tornado traveled over 3 states
 - 219 miles of UNBROKEN damage path
 - One of the fastest forward velocity ever recorded. (73mph)
 - This tornado was categorized as an **F₅**
 - Safest place to be was deep underground
- **twister began its northeast track in Ellington, Missouri**
 - Many witness who reported seeing the tornado said that it did not look like a tornado, but a Black fog cloud approaching that sounded like a train.

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- It was reported after crossing over Biehle, Missouri, that the Tristate tornado parted the Mississippi River and that on the other side it stated to rain fish!
 - F.Y.I. The crescent of Illinois is also known as Little Egypt
- Tri-State traveled next to Gorham, Illinois arriving at 2:35 pm.
 - At this point it is traveling at an AVERAGE speed of 60mph
- The next town in the killer's path was Murphysboro, Illinois at 2:45pm.
 - John A Logan School was scheduled to be demolished at the end of the school year due to the soft brick construction, but the Tristate tornado did ~~in~~at for them.
 - Soft bricks is what saved most of the students that day from being killed.
 - death toll was 234 people
- At 2:50pm in DeSoto, Illinois 37 kids died when this mile wide tornado hit the community.
- The next community was 12 miles away and is called West Frankfort.
 - For the tornado to reach this point at the time given tit was estimated to have a forward velocity of 73mph
 - After the tornado struck, it left a 40 tons rail car stacked on top of a row of cars in the train yard
 - Fence post were driven into trees, & straws were embedded wood
- The twister at 4pm struck the community of Griffin, Indiana.
 - Many eye witnesses report see a rope like funnel cloud.
 - Rope stage of a tornado is
 - most dramatic
 - usually the DYING stage of a tornado.
- It continued to Owensville, Indiana, then toward Princeton Indiana traveling at a top speed of 73 mph

SUMMARY:
