Year 9 Earthquake Assessment - Haiti task.

Imagine that you work for the United States Geological Survey (USGS). Your job is to produce an information pamphlet for the general public to raise awareness of earthquakes in Haiti.

In 2010, an earthquake measuring 7.0 on the Richter scale hit the country, causing widespread devastation, and the effects of which are still ongoing today. Your task is to educate people as to why this area suffers earthquakes, to inform them about how dangerous these events can be, and to help them to prepare for the next big one.

Your pamphlet needs to give the facts about the area and the 2010 earthquake. It should be clearly written so that it is easy to understand. It should be well designed and eye catching. You are encouraged to use maps, photographs and diagrams, as well as written text. You will have time in the ICT room to help make your pamphlet look professional, but it should not contain any copy and pasted information.

You need to include:

- A description of the location of Haiti – use maps and your map skills
- WHY the earthquake happened in Haiti?
    Clue – Destructive plate margins (P125/126 Geog 1),
    Previous earthquakes (1946?, 1842?)
- WHAT happened during the earthquake?
    Clue – Size, Impacts – death/ homeless etc
- WHY Haiti was so vulnerable to the earthquake -
- WHO has helped Haiti?
    Clue – what relief has been organised? How effective was the relief?
- WHAT have been the long term problems since the earthquake? How has this affected Haiti's level of development?
- HOW could people protect themselves from another earthquake/ prepare for surviving the next big one?

Some websites to help:
http://content.time.com/time/specials/packages/0,28757,1953379,00.html?utm_source=feedburner&utm_medium=twitter&utm_campaign=Feed%3A+haiti-info+(Haiti+-+the+latest+info)
http://www.dec.org.uk/haiti-earthquake-facts-and-figures
http://www.oxfam.org/en/haiti-earthquake-our-response
http://news.bbc.co.uk/1/hi/8458690.stm