

Remembering September 11

Instructions: In addition to the thousands of individuals who lost their lives on September 11, countless people from the United States and around the world were deeply affected by the attacks. Their experiences are a part of the history of September 11. To gain a deeper understanding of September 11, you will be asked to interview someone who vividly remembers this event. The subject of your interview could be an older sibling, relative, or family friend.

Since September 11 is a painful and emotional memory for many people, sensitivity and respect on your part are essential. Try not to interrupt as people tell their stories. You may find it helpful to make an audio or video recording of your interview. In the course of the interview, you should seek answers to the questions below. Be prepared to discuss the results of your interview in class.

1. Name of interviewee:
2. What were you doing on September 11, 2001? How did you find out about the attacks?
3. What was your immediate reaction to the attacks? What memories are most vivid?
4. What do you remember about the response of people in the United States? The international community? The U.S. government?
5. Do you consider September 11 to be a pivotal event in your life? In the history of the United States? In world history? Did September 11 change things? (For example, your personal life? Your views of the United States and the world?)
6. What did you think about terrorism before the attacks? Did the attacks change your view on terrorism? If so, how? Do you feel the same way today?
7. Do you think that September 11 offers any lessons for people in the United States?

Additional Questions:

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