



September 11
Patriots Day and National Day of Service
and Remembrance
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To mark the anniversary of the bombing of the World Trade Center and the Pentagon in 2001, President Bush proclaimed that September 11 be named Patriot Day. On this day, the proclamation asks that flags be flown at half-mast and that the day be marked by ceremonies, candlelight vigils, and other remembrance services.

The President is requested to issue each year a proclamation calling on:

1. State and local governments and the people of the United States to observe Patriot Day with appropriate programs and activities;
2. All departments, agencies, and instrumentalities of the United States and interested organizations and individuals to display the flag of the United States at half-staff on Patriot Day in honor of the individuals who lost their lives as a result of the terrorist attacks against the United States that occurred on September 11, 2001;
3. The people of the United States to observe a moment of silence on Patriot Day in honor of the individuals who lost their lives as a result of the terrorist attacks against the United States that occurred on September 11, 2001.

In 2009, President Barack Obama signed the Edward M. Kennedy Serve America Act which recognizes September 11 as a National Day of Service and Remembrance, calling upon Americans to make an enduring commitment to serve their community and our Nation.

Classroom Resources

September 11 Patriot Day

<http://www.readwritethink.org/classroom-resources/calendar-activities/patriot-celebrated-today-anniversary-20291.html#websites>

This Read Write Think site has a selection of grade appropriate lessons in addition to links to a large body of primary sources.

PBS America Responds

<http://www.pbs.org/americaresponds/>

"America Responds" is a snapshot of PBS's coverage of the September 11, 2001 terrorist attacks. This Web site was maintained in the months immediately following the attacks, and now serves as an archive of related resources, analysis and discussion from that moment in time.

America Responds to Terrorism

<http://www.crf-usa.org/america-responds-to-terrorism/america-responds-to-terrorism.html>

The destruction of New York City's World Trade Center and the attack on the Pentagon in Washington raise innumerable questions that can be dealt with in the classroom. Constitutional Rights Foundation has prepared "America Responds to Terrorism," "War in Iraq," and "Reflecting on September 11," a series of online lessons and resources designed for classroom use.

9/11 Day of Service and Remembrance

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<http://www.pointsoflight.org/signature-events/911-day-service-and-remembrance>

This year on the 9/11 Day of Service and Remembrance, we will be joining veterans with children for a unique storytelling project that honors veterans and military families. There are downloadable resources for organizations at the site.

United We Serve

<http://www.serve.gov/?q=site-page/september-11th-national-day-service-and-remembrance>

The September 11th National Day of Service and Remembrance is the culmination of efforts originally launched in 2002. This effort first established the inspiring tradition of engaging in charitable service on 9/11 as an annual and forward-looking tribute to the 9/11 victims, survivors, and those who rose up in service in response to the attacks. This site has resources and materials to plan a service activity.

9/11 Lesson Plans

<https://www.911memorial.org/about-911-lesson-plans>

These materials were developed by the New York City Department of Education and the New Jersey Commission on Holocaust Education. They have a more personal focus as a result.

Poetry of September 11

<http://www.loc.gov/rr/program/bib/911poetry/>

Poetry of September 11 is a guide to poetry written in the immediate aftermath of the September 11, 2001 terrorist attacks. It was compiled by Peter Armenti, Digital Reference Specialist, Library of Congress. It has both print and digital sections.

911 Materials for Teachers

<http://www.ed.gov/911anniversary>

This US Department of Education resource site is a selection of materials developed by federal grantees and agencies in commemoration of the tenth anniversary of September 11, 2001.

In Remembrance: Teaching September 11

<http://teachinghistory.org/spotlight/september11>

The National History Education Clearinghouse has assembled a rich set of primary sources and lesson plans about September 11 for use by teachers.