We Will Not Forget

Patriot Day
2nd Grade Lesson Plan

9/11

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HEROES

REMEMBER HONOR TEACH

WREATHS across AMERICA
# Wreaths Across America
## Lesson Plan

**Teacher:**

**Date:**

**Grade:** 2nd Grade

**Lesson:** 9/11, Patriot Day-Thank You Letters

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<td>Describe the connection between a series of historical events, scientific ideas or concepts, or steps in technical procedures in a text.</td>
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<td>Computer/laptop; internet (with access to YouTube); Smart Board; copies of the Patriot Day K-W-L; copies of the Patriot Day Flip Book; Copies of the First Responder Thank You letters; Copies Patriot Day Word Search Puzzle</td>
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**Engage:** Hook the students

- Hand out the Patriot Day K-W-L. Allow students time to fill in the first section of the K-W-L worksheet.
- Explain to students that Patriot Day is a US holiday that honors and remembers those who died as a result of terrorist attacks against the United States on September 11, 2001, Patriot Day also pays tribute to the many heroes who emerged to help those in need. On September 11, 2001, a group of nineteen men crashed two airplanes into the Twin Towers in New York and one into the Pentagon outside of Washington DC. The men tried to crash a fourth plane into another building, but the passengers fought back and the plane crashed into an empty field in Pennsylvania. The men were part of a terrorist group called “al-Qaeda”.
- Many police officers, firefighters, and medics rushed into the Twin Towers and the Pentagon to help those who were inside the buildings at the time of the attacks. It was a very sad day for the United States, as many people died or were injured. It was also a day when many people stepped up to help people they did not even know, ordinary people did extraordinary things!
- Allow students time to fill in the second section of the K-W-L worksheet.

**Explore:** Students make sense of a concept through observations.

- Students will complete a flip book about heroes from 9/11, including police officers, firefighters, medical workers, and members of the armed forces in honor of Patriot Day. Students will write a thank you letter to police officers, firefighters, medical workers, or members of the armed forces in honor of Patriot Day.
- Allow students time to complete the third section of the K-W-L worksheet.
- Students will complete the Patriot Day Word Search Puzzle.

**Explain:** Teacher introduces formal vocabulary and language to students.

- September 11
- Twin Towers
- Armed Forces
- Patriot Day
- Pentagon
- terrorists
- First Responders

**Elaborate:** Students apply what they have learned.

- Students will learn about Patriot Day and the heroes who helped others on September 11, 2001, by completing their Patriot Day flip book and writing thank you letters to those who serve their communities.

**Evaluate:** assessment.

- Teachers should choose which activities to use as formal/informal assessments.

**Enrichment/Service-Learning Project**

- Students will write Thank You letters to First Responders and/or Armed Forces who live in their communities.

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Remember-Honor-Teach
Patriot Day K-W-L

Name__________________

What I KNOW:

What I WANT to KNOW:

What I LEARNED:

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My Patriot Day Flip Book

September 11, 2001, We Will Not Forget

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Patriot Day is observed on September 11. We remember those who died. We also honor those heroes who worked so hard to save them & protect America.

What is a Hero?

Write your definition of a hero on the lines below:

_____________________________________________________
_____________________________________________________
_____________________________________________________

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Police officers protect and serve our communities! Police Officers are heroes.

List two ways Police Officers serve their communities:

1. _______________________

2. _______________________

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Heroes come into our lives when we need them most. Fighting fires and saving lives is dangerous work. Firefighters are Heroes!

List two ways Firefighters serve their community:

1. ______________________________________
   ______________________________________
   ______________________________________
   ______________________________________

2. ______________________________________
   ______________________________________
   ______________________________________

Draw a picture of a Fire-fighter in this box.
Medical employees worked around the clock and saved many lives on September 11, and during Covid. Medical Workers are heroes.

List two ways Health Care Workers serve their communities:

1. __________________________

___________________________

___________________________

2. __________________________

___________________________

Draw a picture of a Health Care Worker in this box.
Our Armed Forces protect our freedoms and our country!

List two ways our Armed Forces serve our country:

1. _______________________________________________________
2. _______________________________________________________
Patriot Day Thank You!

Thank You for being a Hero in our Community!

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Patriot Day Word Search Puzzle

Firefighter | Heroes | Police Officer | Medic
---|---|---|---
September | Armed Forces | Patriot Day | Freedom
Airplane | Pentagon | Towers |
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Answer Key

Patriot Day Word Search Puzzle

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