

Materials to use in teaching about 9/11

Videos:

The World Trade Center: Rise and Fall of an American Icon (Documentary from History Channel, VHS format, 100 min.)

Up from Zero (Documentary tribute by the U.S. Dept. of Labor to people in the building trades in NYC who help in rescue, recovery and cleanup efforts at the World Trade Center, DVD format, 60 min.)

World Trade Center (Oliver Stone film based on the true story of two Port Authority policemen who were trapped in the rubble of the World Trade Center on 9/11, DVD format, 128 min., rated PG)

9/11 (Only existing images of the first plane crashing into the WTC, filmed by two brothers working that day on a documentary about a rookie NYC firefighter, DVD format, 129 min.)

United 93 (Drama based on information gathered afterwards about the passengers and crew on this flight and how they prevented the terrorists from carrying out their original plan, DVD format, 111 min., rated R) If you don't want to show the film because of the rating, the DVD also includes bonus features including real-life interviews with family members of passengers and crew, as well as 40 written biographies about them.

Web sites with information, interactive and videos:

From the 9/11 memorial:

<http://www.911memorial.org/teach-learn>

From History.com, there are several interactive activities as well as videos:

<http://www.history.com/topics/9-11-attacks>

<http://www.history.com/interactives/witness-to-911>

<http://www.history.com/interactives/9-11-maps>

<http://www.history.com/videos/caroline-dries-on-911#caroline-dries-on-911>

George Bush's speech to Congress after the attacks:

<http://www.americanrhetoric.com/speeches/gwbush911jointsessionspeech.htm>

From Biography.com:

<http://www.biography.com/profiles-of-9-11/index.jsp>

From usa.gov:

<http://www.usa.gov/Citizen/Topics/History-American/September11.shtml>

If your school has a subscription to Discovery Streaming, the site has resources to use as well on their 9.11 Rise page. There are so many on varied related topics so you may want to preview so you can choose what aspect to focus on.

<http://www.discoveryeducation.com/911/>

Discovery has also added a September 11th Theme Page within Discovery Streaming to offer a wealth of resources to support 9/11 lessons. To access this resource page, login to Discovery Streaming and search for "September 11" – you will find the theme page linked at the very top of your search results. Log-in page link below. Use your DS username and password. If you need to set up an account, see your librarian for the school passcode.

<http://streaming.discoveryeducation.com/?location=esc11>

Books

Kids make history: a new look at America's story by Susan Buckley and Elspeth Leacock; illustrations by Randy Jones

Contains twenty stories about kids who lived through historical periods and events of the United States, including the Revolutionary War, the Industrial Revolution, Pearl Harbor, and September 11, 2001.

14 Cows for America by Carmen Agra Deedy

Presents an illustrated tale of a gift of fourteen cows given by the Maasai people of Kenya to the U.S. as a gesture of comfort and friendship in the wake of the attacks of September 11, 2001.

The 9/11 investigation by Craig E. Blohm

Explores the crime-solving techniques used during investigations into the events of September 11, 2001, discusses what was learned from the evidence, and addresses conspiracy theories associated with the attacks.

Immigrants' Rights After 9/11 by Wendy Biddle

Contains three pairs of essays that offer opposing opinions on issues related to the civil rights of immigrants since September 11, 2001, discussing the right to legal counsel, indefinite detention, and the right of access to deportation hearings.

A pro/con look at homeland security: safety vs. liberty after 9/11 by Kathiann M. Kowalski

Examines Homeland Security in the United States after the events of September **11**, 2001, and discusses the differences between keeping Americans safe and taking away their civil liberties.

September 11: a primary source history by Alan Wachtel

Presents an overview of the events surrounding the September **11**, 2001, terrorist attacks on the United States, and features primary source materials that provide insights into the experiences of people who witnessed or were otherwise affected by the tragedy, with photographs of related artifacts and time lines.

Escape from the Towers by Andra Serlin Abramson

Photographs, diagrams, and first-hand accounts explore the events of the September 11, 2001 terrorists attacks on New York's World Trade Center.

September 11 by Mary Englar

Chronicles the events of the morning of September 11, 2001, when four planes hijacked by terrorists crashed into the World Trade Center, the Pentagon, and a field in Pennsylvania.

The War on Terror: is the world a safer place? By Gary E. Barr

Examines the pros and cons of continuing the War on Terror following the attacks on the World Trade Center, and questions the reliability of the information provided by the media.