



Lesson:

9/11 NEVER FORGET Mobile Exhibit Virtual Tour

Grades 9-12



Students will be able to virtually interact with the 9/11 NEVER FORGET Mobile Exhibit, which is a tribute to all who lost their lives on September 11, 2001, and all who continue to lose their lives to 9/11-related illnesses.

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Background for the Teacher

9/11 NEVER FORGET Mobile Exhibit

The 9/11 NEVER FORGET Mobile Exhibit is a tribute to all who lost their lives on September 11, 2001, including the 343 members of the Fire Department of the City of New York (FDNY) who made the ultimate sacrifice, and all who continue to lose their lives to 9/11-related illnesses. This high-tech, 83-foot tractor-trailer, which transforms into an 1,100 square foot exhibit, is a tool to further educate people across the country about the events of that tragic day.

The 9/11 NEVER FORGET Mobile Exhibit provides interactive education, including artifacts such as steel beams from the towers, documentary videos, and recordings of first responder radio transmissions. Interactive guided tours are carried out by FDNY firefighters who provide firsthand accounts of the day and its aftermath. The 9/11 NEVER FORGET Mobile Exhibit, which has traveled to nearly 50 states and Canada, has educated over 600,000 people as of 2022.

Lesson Implementation Schedule

It is recommended that the lesson implementation take place any time during the school year, especially on or near September 11, 2001. The lesson is intended to reiterate information that students have previously learned about September 11, 2001.

1. Begin With an Essential Question

How can we honor all who lost their lives or were impacted by the attacks of September 11, 2001? *(The Essential Question is not designed to be answered directly. It is the overarching or big question. Its answer is contained within student responses to the guided questions.)*

2. Introduce the Lesson

Teacher reads the overarching question of the lesson.

Teacher says, “We have been learning about the attacks of September 11, 2001. Can anyone share what happened on September 11, 2001?”

(Answers may vary, but on September 11, 2001, America was attacked in multiple cities by a group named al-Qaeda. The group hijacked four planes and crashed them into multiple locations. Two planes were crashed into the Twin Towers, two of the world’s tallest buildings located in New York City. One plane was crashed into the Pentagon, which is headquarters for the U.S. Department of Defense. Passengers on board the fourth plane fought against their hijackers and the plane was brought down in an empty field near Shanksville, PA, about 20 minutes flying time from Washington D.C. According to the 9/11 Commission Report it is believed that the hijackers’ target for that plane was likely the White House or the U.S. Capitol. 2,753 people lost their lives in New York City, 184 people lost their lives at the Pentagon, and all 40 passengers and crew members of United Airlines flight 93 lost their lives. While 2,977 lives were lost on September 11, 2001, many lives have been lost since that day, due to 9/11-related illnesses.)

Teacher says, “Today we will summarize what we have been discussing and learn some new facts by going through a self-guided virtual tour of the Tunnel to Towers 9/11 NEVER FORGET Mobile Exhibit. It is a high-tech, 83-foot tractor-

trailer, which transforms into an 1,100 square foot museum with items and artifacts from America's darkest day. You can navigate through the museum at your own pace. There are blue circle identifiers that will allow you to hover over certain artifacts or displays so you can read more information about what you see. You can also navigate through the museum by clicking the forward arrow on each item summary. The columns in the middle of the museum give a timeline of the events of the day."

3. Students' Task

Students can self-navigate through the 9/11 NEVER FORGET Mobile Exhibit on their computer or mobile device. They can complete the "9/11 NEVER FORGET Mobile Exhibit Virtual Tour Worksheet" independently. Students should be given 30 minutes to complete this task and should be reminded of the time after the first 15 minutes of their self-guided tour to help them stay on track. Once completed, students should be given time to share and discuss their answers with the class.

Students can access the 9/11 NEVER FORGET Mobile Exhibit [here](http://T2T.org/lesson-mobile-exhibit-virtual-tour) [http://T2T.org/lesson-mobile-exhibit-virtual-tour].

4. Extension

As an extension, students can write what part of the 9/11 NEVER FORGET Mobile Exhibit impacted them most, and why.

9/11 NEVER FORGET Mobile Exhibit Virtual Tour Worksheet

Name: _____

Date: _____

Directions: Answer the following questions as you complete your self-guided tour of the 9/11 NEVER FORGET Mobile Exhibit.

1. What happened in 1993 at the World Trade Center? What do you think Michael Macko means by his quote, “How quickly it was reopened, the hole filled in...over the years everything was forgotten. If we don’t remember these bombings, then we’ve lost more than lives and buildings.”

2. The shirt worn by Fire Department of the City of New York (FDNY) Lieutenant Dennis O’Berg on September 11, 2001, as well as the rescue and recovery that followed is displayed. What is his September 11 story?

3. What happened during recovery efforts when a body was recovered, like in the case of FDNY Firefighter Joseph Angelini Jr.?

4. What three memorials are mentioned to honor the 2,977 people who lost their lives?

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(In 1993 a massive explosion in the underground garage of the World Trade Center took out the first six floors of the building. It killed six people, including a pregnant woman, and thousands were injured.

Answers may vary, but one could say that Michael Macko thinks that we should remember what happened at the World Trade Center in 1993, because although the damage to the building and the loss of life was small, the effects were quite large, and we should have compassion. Ideals, hopes, and dreams were lost when we were attacked in 1993 and left forgotten it dishonors all who lost their lives and all the family and friends who grieve their loss every day. We remember and honor the victims of the 1993 bombing, because that is the nature of our American spirit.)

2. The shirt worn by Fire Department of the City of New York (FDNY) Lieutenant Dennis O’Berg on September 11, 2001, as well as the rescue and recovery that followed is displayed. What is his September 11 story?

(FDNY Lieutenant O’Berg arrived about five minutes before the South Tower collapsed. His son, FDNY Firefighter Dennis P. O’Berg, with Ladder Company 105, did not survive. Lieutenant O’Berg and many other fathers of fallen firefighters looked for their sons in recovery efforts.)

3. What happened during recovery efforts when a body was recovered, like in the case of FDNY Firefighter Joseph Angelini Jr.?

(Recovery efforts were paused when a body was recovered, and members stood at attention to honor and respect the fallen.

It should be brought to the students’ attention that this occurred after it became evident that there were no longer any survivors, and they could take the time to stop working and honor the fallen.)

4. What three memorials are mentioned to honor the 2,977 people who lost their lives?

(The three memorials mentioned are the World Trade Center Memorial in New York City, the Pentagon Memorial in Arlington, Virginia, and the Flight 93 National Memorial near Shanksville, Pennsylvania.)

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