



Lesson:

9/11 NEVER FORGET Mobile Exhibit Virtual Tour

Grades 6-8



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 by people who did not like the freedoms we have. They took control of four planes. Two planes were crashed into the World Trade Center, two of the world’s tallest buildings, located in New York City. One plane was crashed into the Pentagon, which is a headquarters for the United States Department of Defense. Onboard one plane, the passengers knew their flight was taken over and did not want it to be used as a weapon. They fought back against the bad people and their flight did not reach its intended target, but rather was crash landed in an empty field in Pennsylvania. 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 September

11, 2001. You can navigate through the museum at your own pace. You will see a blue circle over certain artifacts. These circles are called identifiers and when you hover over them you can read more information about what you see. When you click on the identifier or “view more” you will notice that the identifiers are numbered. There are 45 artifacts and panels you can read more about. 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 in 10 minute increments 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? (Identifier #5)

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? (Identifier #21)

3. What happened during recovery efforts when a body was found, like in the case of FDNY Firefighter Joseph Angelini Jr.? (Identifier #23)

4. What three memorials are mentioned to honor the 2,977 people who lost their lives? (Identifier #34, 35, and 36)

9/11 NEVER FORGET Mobile Exhibit Virtual Tour Worksheet Answer Key

Name: _____

Date: _____

1. What happened in 1993 at the World Trade Center? (Identifier #5)

(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.)

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? (Identifier #21)

(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 found, like in the case of FDNY Firefighter Joseph Angelini Jr.? (Identifier #23)

(Recovery efforts were paused when a body was found, 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? (Identifier #34, 35, and 36)

(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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