

UCA4: September 11, 2001

ENDURING UNDERSTANDING:

1. *Events affect the world's governments and their policies*

GUIDING QUESTIONS:

1. *What are the current events that affect the world's governments and their policies?*
2. *How/why are these events affecting the world's governments and their policies?*

Only "time will tell" if the **9-11....September 11th, 2001...the "Twin Towers" attack...the "War on Terror" etc., etc**, will go down in history as a major global event and be remembered for **all time**. With that being said, there has probably **NOT** been a more significant "world happening" occur in your lifetime! This assignment is designed to remind you what a horrific day that was back in September of 2001. With that as a premise, please through read the following "timeline" and review the facts of that dreadful day.

A Timeline of Terror



*Most of you will **always** remember where you were and what you were doing when you first saw this!*

Tuesday, September 1, 2001

- 8:45 a.m.: Jet airliner crashes into the north tower of the World Trade Center in New York.
- 9:03 a.m.: A second airliner crashes into its twin south tower, causing a devastating explosion.
- 9:10 a.m.: In Florida, President Bush is reading to children in a classroom when his chief of staff, Andrew Card, whispers news of the attacks into his ear.
- 9:20 a.m.: The FBI investigates reports of planes being hijacked before the World Trade Center crashes.
- 9:29 a.m.: First reports of casualties indicate that at least six people were killed, with at least 1,000 injured.
- 9:30 a.m.: Bush declares: "We have had a national tragedy. Two airplanes have crashed into the World Trade Center in an apparent terrorist attack on our country."
- 9:43 a.m.: Abu Dhabi television reports it received a call from the Democratic Front for the Liberation of Palestine, claiming responsibility for crashing two planes into the WTC. However, leading officials later deny the claim.
- 9:43 a.m.: Another plane crashes into the Pentagon in Washington. The nerve center of the U.S. military bursts into flames and a portion of one side of the five-sided structure collapses.
- 9:48 a.m.: The White House and the Capitol are evacuated amid further threats.
- 9:49 a.m.: All airports across the U.S. shut down.
- 10:00 a.m.: United Airlines Flight 93, en route from Newark, N.J., to San Francisco, crashes near Pittsburgh. The

crash site is 85 miles northwest of Camp David.

10:05 a.m.: The south tower of the World Trade Center collapses.

10:29 a.m.: The north tower of the World Trade Center collapses.

12:33 p.m.: United Airlines confirms a second of its planes has crashed at an unknown location.

12:39 p.m.: Bush makes a second statement, vowing to hunt down and punish those responsible.

2:48 p.m.: New York Mayor Rudy Giuliani says the eventual death toll from Tuesday's attack may be "more than any of us can bear."

2:51 p.m.: The Navy dispatches missile destroyers and other equipment to New York and Washington.

4:25 p.m.: The American Stock Exchange, the Nasdaq and the New York Stock Exchange say they will remain closed on Wednesday.

4:30 p.m.: Bush leaves Offutt Air Force Base aboard Air Force One to return to Washington, where he will make a nationally televised address.

5:25 p.m.: World Trade Center 7 collapses.

8:30 p.m.: Bush addresses the nation. "These acts of mass murder were intended to frighten our nation into chaos and retreat," he said. "But they have failed; our country is strong."

8:35 p.m.: Bush attends national security meeting.

All times are EDT

Now that you have "reviewed" the facts of September 11, 2001, do you understand them? Has there been enough information that has come your way over the last several years for you to understand **WHO did this and WHY?** What evidence is there that **they** did this "thing"? What does the future hold? Has 9-11 changed some governments policies? What is a terrorist? Who calls them that? What do they call themselves? Does America mean anything different to you today than it did prior to 9-11? The purpose of this assignment will be based on these, and other related, questions.

Here are the web sites to use for the successful completion of this assignment:

Flag Identifier - This "fun site" is to assist you in identifying the flags that are in questions 6 - 15. These flags represent many of the nations that committed to helping the United States in the "War Against Terror"

Important NOTE: The web sites necessary for you to complete the assignment are represented by the flags at the beginning of each question.

Here are the specific instructions for composing and submitting this assignment:

1. Please read each question carefully to ascertain which web site to go to. When you have researched the answers to ALL of the questions and know the answers, you are now ready to create and submit your assignment! You are required to answer ALL questions!!
2. Keep your internet browser open to this page in the course.
3. Open up a new Word document and type your name, Unit and Assignment number and your Global Perspectives online student number in the upper **left** hand corner of your Word document using a separate line for one. Please use **Times New Roman** or **Arial** font and size number **12/12**

EXAMPLE:

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CHS **or** CHS-1

Here are the DETAILED & SPECIFIC directions for completing this assignment!


4. **Listed below, are the questions that make up this assignment.** The answers to the first five questions can **all** be found in the **Timeline of Terror**, that is at the top of this page. At the beginning of questions 6-15, is the flag of a nation that has joined the United States, in what President Bush has called, "**Operation Enduring Freedom**". If you "**click**" on that **flag**, it will take you to a web site that will help you answer that particular question. Also, you are to include the name of the nation, that the flag represents, and include that as part of your answer to that particular question in the blank that is provided between the question number and the flag.
5. Copy and paste the assignment questions below into a Word document. Make sure to copy **only** the assignment questions. You do NOT need to copy the "linked" flag or the information that might explain the question. Only the question itself needs to be copied and pasted to your word document. You will notice that the questions are in **black**.
6. On your Word document that you copied and pasted the questions to, please highlight your answer, and change its color to **red**.
7. Save the Word document on your hard drive AND a removable disk for back up purposes.
8. Send your completed assignment, which you have now "saved", as an attachment with the assignment name (**UCA4**) and your Global Perspectives online student number (**ex. CHS - 1**) typed into the subject line.


Here is your assignment!

The answers to questions 1-5 can be found in the Timeline of Terror that you should have already read through. It is at the top of this page.


1. **How** did President Bush first hear of the World Trade Center being "attacked"?
2. There were four planes that crashed on September 11. After **which one**, was the decision made to shut down ALL airports in the nation?
3. How many **minutes** did it take for the north tower of the World Trade Center to collapse after the jet airliner crashed into it?
4. The third plane crashed into the Pentagon. What is the **Pentagon**?
5. What **group** first was "rumored" to have claimed responsibility for the attacks, but later that information was proved to be false.


The answers to questions 6-15 can be found in the web sites represented by the flags found at the beginning of each question. "Click" the flag and it will take you to the appropriate web site. Make sure to include what nation the flag represents in your answer to that question. There is a blank space at the beginning of each question between the number and the flag. This is where you should type in the country's name represented by its' flag. The country name should be in red. Number 6 is done for you as an example. Here is the web site that will help you do this...[Flag Identifier](#) Remember that each flag is a nation that has joined the United States of America in their War to Preserve Enduring Freedoms. This has been a MAJOR policy change for some of these nations!

6.  **WHAT** international organization unanimously adopted an "Anti-Terrorist" resolution on September 28, 2001? This organization was "**reaffirming to combat, by _____ means, threats to international peace and security by terrorist acts**". Please fill in the blank with the correct word


7.  Study the **photos** found on this web page and answer the following questions :

1. What is President Bush's chief of staff, Andrew Card, **whispering** into the Presidents ear?
2. Is the jet airliner pictured headed for the **NORTH** or **SOUTH** tower of the World Trade Center?


8.  One of the creative and inventive elements of the World Trade Centers design and contraction involved its elevators. Many say that this design saved lives. **What** was this elevator system called and **why** do you **think** it saved lives?


9.  There were four plane crashes that killed thousands of people on September eleventh. Even though this attack was on American soil, many nations lost citizens in this attack because of the what the World Trade Center was. It was an "international office building" like no other in the world! Answer the following questions about the casualties and the nations they represent.

1. **How many** are **dead and missing** because of the 9-11 attacks?
2. **How many nations** lost people in the 9-11 attacks?
3. **How many times**, since 1983, has the USA been a target of a major terrorist attack?
4. **How many times**, since 1985, have other nations been the target of a major terrorist attack? **List the nations** targeted.

10.  **You will NOT need the web site to answer the first part of this question because every American knows his name!!**

According to the United States government sources, **who** was involved in the World Trade Center bombing in 1993, the bombing of the U.S. Embassies in Tanzania and Kenya, the attack on the USS Cole in the Persian Gulf and most recently, the attacks that occurred on September 11? He is a Muslim and all good Muslims believe in the **Five Pillars**. **What are they?**

11. 
1. **Who** is Osama bin Laden? (**give 5 biographical facts about him**)
 2. **What does he want** from the United States?
 3. What is "**Al Qaeda**,"?
 4. What **specific evidence** is there linking September 11 to Osama and Al Qaeda? (**give five facts that prove they are the ONES that did it!**)

12.  **What nation** has the United States always supported, that many Islamic groups, such as Al Qaeda, has always been against? **What happened after WWII, because of the Holocaust**, that deeply offended some Muslim nations, and made many Muslims around the world distrust, and even hate America? (*go to the part of the web page that deals with the **Jewish Claim** to thier country!*)

13.  What nation was attacked, in response to September 11th, and why? *The why part of this question can be answered by carefully reading the following SHORT article*

Statement by Dick Tenet before the Senate Select Committee on Intelligence (SSCI) on the "Worldwide Threat 2001: National Security in a Changing World" (7 February 2001)


The threat from terrorism is real, it is immediate, and it is evolving. State sponsored terrorism appears to have declined over the past five years, but transnational groups—with decentralized leadership that makes them harder to identify and disrupt—are emerging. We are seeing fewer centrally controlled operations, and more acts initiated and executed at lower levels.


Terrorists are also becoming more operationally adept and more technically sophisticated in order to defeat counterterrorism measures. For example, as we have increased security around government and military facilities, **terrorists are seeking out "softer" targets that provide opportunities for mass casualties.** Employing increasingly advanced devices and using **strategies such as simultaneous attacks**, the number of people killed or injured in international terrorist attacks rose dramatically in the 1990s, despite a general decline in the number of incidents. Approximately one-third of these incidents involved US interests.

Osama bin Laden and his global network of lieutenants and associates remain the most immediate and serious threat. Since 1998, Bin Laden has declared all US citizens legitimate targets of attack. As shown by the bombing of our Embassies in Africa in 1998 and his Millennium plots last year, **he is capable of planning multiple attacks with little or no warning. His organization is continuing to place emphasis on developing surrogates to carry out attacks in an effort to avoid detection, blame, and retaliation.** As a result it is often difficult to attribute terrorist incidents to his group, Al Qa'ida.

Nevertheless, we and our Allies have scored some important successes against terrorist groups and their plans, which I would like to discuss with you in closed session later today. Here, in an open session, **let me assure you that the Intelligence Community has designed a robust counterterrorism program that has preempted, disrupted, and defeated international terrorists and their activities.** In most instances, we have kept terrorists off-balance, forcing them to worry about their own security and degrading their ability to plan and conduct operations.

The Taliban shows no sign of relinquishing terrorist Osama Bin Laden, despite strengthened UN sanctions and prospects that Bin Laden's terrorist operations could lead to retaliatory strikes against Afghanistan. The Taliban and Bin Laden have a symbiotic relationship—Bin Laden gets safe haven and in return, he gives the Taliban help in fighting its civil war.

14.  Other than the military endeavors being conducted in **Operation Enduring Freedom**, what **other efforts** are being carried out against terrorism? Give **three specific examples.**

15.  September 11 has overwhelmed most of us with information about Islamic and Palestinian terrorist groups, BUT.....there are many others. **List three** International "terrorist" organizations that are NOT Muslim or from a Middle Eastern nation. Answer the following **three questions** about each of the three organizations that you select.

1. What is the **organizations name** and its' **national affiliation**?
2. What is the organizations "**main**" **objective or goal**?
3. What "**activities**" qualify them as a terrorist organization?