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**9/11 Victims Honoured, Remembered**

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Yesterday was the 10th anniversary of 9/11.

“9/11” refers to three terrorist attacks in the United States that occurred on September 11, 2001 – the ninth month, the 11th day.

On that day 10 years ago, nearly 3,000 people were killed when terrorists attacked two World Trade Centre buildings in New York and the Pentagon in Washington DC. Near Pennsylvania, a plane was hijacked and crashed into a field.

The victims of the attacks were from more than 90 countries. Around the world, millions of people commemorated 9/11 in their own way.

At the site in New York where the twin towers once stood, called Ground Zero, thousands of people including U.S. President Barack Obama attended remembrance services. Bells rang and there were moments of silence so people could think about the people who died in the attacks and the heroes—including members of the New York Fire and Police Departments—who worked tirelessly to save others that day.

In Canada, hundreds of people gathered at a hockey arena in Gander, N.L., where U.S. Ambassador David Jacobson thanked the town’s residents for generously helping the nearly seven thousand Americans who had been stranded there for three days 10 years ago. (Their flights had been cancelled to keep the airspace clear).

British Prime Minister David Cameron and the relatives of 67 British people who died in the 9/11 attacks, attended a ceremony in London. An American flag at the U.S. embassy in London flew at half-mast.

Mourners in Tokyo, Japan, gathered in front of a glass case containing steel retrieved from Ground Zero. They honoured 23 Fuji Bank employees who died in the World Trade Centre.

There was an emotional ceremony in Australia. The country’s prime minister said, “on this day, on behalf of millions of Australians, I say this: We do not forget. We never forget.”

**QUESTIONS:**

**1. What do you know about 9/11? Where did you first learn about it?**

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**2. Do you still have any questions about this event?**

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**3. Australia’s Prime Minister expressed the importance of never forgetting the events that took place on 9/11. Do *you* think it is important to remember this event?**

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**4. Are there any potential dangers of forgetting this event?**

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Watch video:

<http://www.teachhub.com/911-memorial-video-writing-prompts>

Video Response:

**Honouring the Fallen**

These architects used their creativity and passion to create a touching, heartfelt memorial for the victims of 9/11. They included things from the past, but also thought about ways to make people proud in the future.

Many survivors and families of those who died on 9/11 have created charities to honour their memories. Some families started annual charity runs, planned celebrations to honour their lives or started non-profit organizations that contribute to causes 9/11 heroes cared about.

**What would you do to honour the heroes of 9/11?**

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**If you were a victim of 9/11, what would you want your loved ones to do in your honour?**

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