

September 11 Changes

Read closely to connect a historic event with its effects on American life.

SS5H7.b "Describe the events of September 11, 2001, and analyze their impact on American life."

NAME _____

DATE _____

1 READ AND MARK _____ Read it twice

YOUR JOB Underline facts that tell what happened on September 11, 2001. Circle details that show an impact on American life, then write I beside an immediate impact and L beside a lasting impact.

A Day That Changed the Nation

- ① On the morning of September 11, 2001, nineteen members of the terrorist group al-Qaeda hijacked four passenger airplanes. They crashed two planes into the World Trade Center in New York City. Another plane struck the Pentagon near Washington, D.C. Passengers fought back on the fourth plane, United Flight 93, which crashed in a field in Pennsylvania before reaching its target.
- ② Nearly 3,000 people were killed in the attacks, including people in the buildings, on the planes, and emergency workers who rushed to help. Americans watched the events on television and learned of them through family, schools, and news reports. Many people felt grief, fear, and uncertainty. Communities held memorials, donated blood and supplies, and honored first responders. In the days that followed, flags appeared at homes and public places.
- ③ The attacks changed daily life and government policy. Airport screening became much stricter, and travelers faced new rules about what they could carry onto planes. The United States created the Department of Homeland Security in 2002 to help protect the country. The nation also began a war in Afghanistan against al-Qaeda and the Taliban government that had sheltered al-Qaeda leaders. These changes affected Americans at home and abroad for many years.

2 ANSWER WITH EVIDENCE _____ Use the passage

1 Name the three places where planes crashed or struck on September 11, 2001.

2 What did the passengers on United Flight 93 do, and what happened to their plane?

3 What were two ways communities responded in the days after the attacks?

4 How did the attacks change both air travel and the work of the United States government?

3 YOUR TURN _____ Your own words

Write exactly three sentences for a museum caption about September 11, 2001. Tell what happened, describe one immediate response, and explain one lasting change in American life.

PART 1 • READ AND MARK

Underline facts that tell what happened on September 11, 2001. Circle details that show an impact on American life, then write I beside an immediate impact and L beside a lasting impact. Accept any marking that follows this job and points at the right text.

PART 2 • ANSWERS

#	QUESTION	ANSWER
1	Name the three places where planes crashed or struck on September 11, 2001.	The World Trade Center in New York City, the Pentagon near Washington, D.C., and a field in Pennsylvania.
2	What did the passengers on United Flight 93 do, and what happened to their plane?	The passengers fought back. The plane crashed in a field in Pennsylvania before reaching its target.
3	What were two ways communities responded in the days after the attacks?	Answers include holding memorials, donating blood and supplies, honoring first responders, and displaying flags.
4	How did the attacks change both air travel and the work of the United States government?	Airport screening became stricter and travelers had new rules. The United States created the Department of Homeland Security and began a war in Afghanistan.

PART 3 • YOUR TURN (SAMPLE ANSWER)

On September 11, 2001, terrorists used hijacked airplanes to attack places in the United States. In the days afterward, communities honored first responders and helped people in need. The attacks led to stricter airport screening, changing how Americans traveled.

Accept equivalent accurate details from the passage. For the museum caption, accept three sentences that accurately include the event, an immediate response, and a lasting impact.