

A Changed Nation

Tracing the effects of September 11, 2001

USII.8.h “describing how the terrorist attacks of September 11, 2001, including the heroic sacrifices of Flight 93 passengers, significantly impacted domestic policies, American society, and global perspectives on the war on terror.”

NAME _____

DATE _____

1 READ AND MARK _____ Read it twice

YOUR JOB Underline one detail about domestic policy, circle one detail about American society, and number one detail about global views of the war on terror so you can compare the attacks' different impacts.

After September 11

- ① On September 11, 2001, al-Qaeda terrorists hijacked four passenger planes. Two planes struck the World Trade Center in New York City, and one struck the Pentagon in Virginia. Passengers on United Flight 93 learned by phone that other planes had been used in attacks. They chose to resist the hijackers. Flight 93 crashed in a field near Shanksville, Pennsylvania, before it could reach the terrorists' intended target. Their action is remembered as a heroic sacrifice. Nearly 3,000 people were killed in the attacks.
- ② In response, the federal government changed domestic policies. The Transportation Security Administration, or TSA, took responsibility for airport security and screening. Congress passed the USA PATRIOT Act, which gave investigators broader powers to collect information while pursuing terrorism cases. Many Americans accepted tighter security because they feared another attack. Others questioned whether new surveillance powers could limit privacy and civil liberties. Communities also held memorials, shared stories of rescuers, and supported families affected by loss and grief.
- ③ The attacks also changed how people around the world viewed security and conflict. The United States began a military campaign in Afghanistan in October 2001, with allies, against al-Qaeda and the Taliban government that had sheltered al-Qaeda. Many countries cooperated by sharing intelligence and strengthening security. Yet people in the United States and other nations debated the war on terror. They considered how to fight terrorism while protecting civilians, human rights, and relations among countries.

2 ANSWER WITH EVIDENCE _____ Use the passage

1 What did the passengers on Flight 93 do, and what was the result of their action?

2 Name two domestic policy changes described in the passage. How did each change respond to fears of terrorism?

3 How did the attacks affect American society? Give two effects from the passage.

4 What are two different global perspectives on the war on terror described in the passage?

3 YOUR TURN _____ Your own words

Write three sentences for a museum label. Explain one domestic policy change, one change in American society connected to the attacks or Flight 93, and one global perspective on the war on terror.

PART 1 • READ AND MARK

Underline one detail about domestic policy, circle one detail about American society, and number one detail about global views of the war on terror so you can compare the attacks' different impacts. Accept any marking that follows this job and points at the right text.

PART 2 • ANSWERS

#	QUESTION	ANSWER
1	What did the passengers on Flight 93 do, and what was the result of their action?	They resisted the hijackers. The plane crashed near Shanksville before it could reach the terrorists' intended target.
2	Name two domestic policy changes described in the passage. How did each change respond to fears of terrorism?	The TSA took responsibility for airport security and screening, and the USA PATRIOT Act gave investigators broader information-gathering powers for terrorism cases. Both aimed to improve security and prevent attacks.
3	How did the attacks affect American society? Give two effects from the passage.	Americans feared another attack and many accepted tighter security. Communities held memorials, shared stories of rescuers, and supported affected families. The passage also describes debate about privacy and civil liberties.
4	What are two different global perspectives on the war on terror described in the passage?	Many countries cooperated by sharing intelligence and strengthening security. People also debated how to fight terrorism while protecting civilians, human rights, and relations among countries.

PART 3 • YOUR TURN (SAMPLE ANSWER)

After the attacks, the TSA took charge of airport security and screening. The Flight 93 passengers' decision to resist showed courage, and Americans honored victims and rescuers through memorials. Around the world, many countries cooperated against terrorism, while others debated how to protect civilians and human rights.

Accept accurate explanations that connect the attacks to a policy change, a societal response, and an international response or debate. For the Flight 93 detail, accept that passengers resisted hijackers and prevented the plane from reaching its intended target.