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9/11 ANNIVERSARY DIGITAL LEARNING EXPERIENCE GLOSSARY

Al-Qaeda: An international Islamist extremist terrorist network responsible for the 9/11 attacks; al-Qaeda was responsible for multiple terrorist attacks since their founding by Osama bin Laden and others in the 1980s.

Awning: A cover that extends from a building that provides shade or shelter.

Battalion: A unit within the FDNY made up of several firehouses.

Bunker Gear: Personal protective equipment used by firefighters, including helmets, coats, trousers, and gloves.

Cantor Fitzgerald: A financial investment company that had offices at the top of the North Tower of the World Trade Center. 658 employees from this company were killed on 9/11.

Civilians: Individuals who are not members of a first responder agency, such as the FDNY, NYPD, or PAPD.

Command Post: The location where leaders from first responder agencies receive orders and relay information, typically close to the emergency scene. On 9/11, there were command posts in the lobby of both towers.

Debris: The remains of something that has been broken or destroyed.

Demarcation: A dividing line.

Dispatcher: A first responder who is responsible for sending out people or vehicles to where they are needed.

Emergency Medical Services (EMS): A division within the FDNY in charge of providing emergency medical services.

EMS Academy: Training school for Emergency Medical services staff. The EMS Academy is located in Queens, NY.

Evacuation: Moving people from a dangerous area to a safe space away from danger.

Father Mychal Judge: A Catholic priest who served as a chaplain to the FDNY. He was killed on 9/11 when the South Tower collapsed.

FDNY: Fire Department of New York. 343 FDNY firefighters were killed on 9/11.

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Financial District: A commercial neighborhood in lower Manhattan where the World Trade Center is located.

First responders: Uniformed officers, like firefighters, police officers, and emergency medical technicians (EMTs), who are trained to help in an emergency. 9/11 was the largest mobilization of emergency personnel in American history, and thousands of first responders rushed to the World Trade Center to help.

Fort Totten: Location of the EMS Academy in Queens, NY.

Ground Zero: The World Trade Center site and surrounding area after the collapse of the Twin Towers. The area was filled with 1.8 million tons of debris.

Hijack: To take control by force.

Impenetrable: Impossible to pass through.

Ladder Company: A unit within the fire department that responds to an emergency with trucks that carry ladders, rescue gear, and tools such as hooks, axes, and sledgehammers.

NYPD: New York City Police Department. 23 NYPD officers were killed on 9/11.

NYU (New York University): A large university located a few blocks north of the World Trade Center.

Paramedic: Health care professionals who treat injuries in any location necessary. They typically work in an ambulance.

Pentagon: The headquarters of the United States Department of Defense in Washington DC which was struck by flight 77 at 9:37 AM. The name comes from the five-sided shape of the building.

Plaza: A large, open area in between the World Trade Center buildings.

Port Authority of New York & New Jersey: An agency run by New York and New Jersey that oversees many facilities shared by the two states, including airports, bridges, tunnels, and the World Trade Center. The Port Authority also has its own police department, the Port Authority Police Department (PAPD). 37 PAPD officers were killed on 9/11.

Probie: A firefighter who has just been hired and is still in their probationary period. During this time, the individual is being trained on the job.

Post Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD): A mental health condition in which a person has difficulty recovering after experiencing or witnessing a traumatic event.

The Pile: An informal term used to describe the 1.8 million tons of debris that filled Ground Zero when the Twin Towers collapsed.

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Rescue Company: A specially trained unit in the FDNY that respond to a variety of unique emergencies in addition to fires; including building collapses, high-angle rescues, hazardous materials incidents, and water rescues. The FDNY has five rescue companies, one for each borough.

Remission: A period when an illness is less severe or is not affecting someone.

Resilience: The ability to recover from difficult situations.

Rookie: A person who is new to an organization or an activity.

Seawall: A wall alongside a body of water.

Sinus: Any of the spaces inside the head that are connected to the back of the nose.

Terrorist: A person who uses violence and fear, especially against civilians, to force people or countries into taking certain action.

Tower One: Refers to the North Tower of the World Trade Center.

Tower Two: Refers to the South Tower of the World Trade Center.

United States Military Academy at West Point: A college that provides higher education and training for individuals joining the Army. It is located in New York State.

World Trade Center: A 16-acre complex in lower Manhattan that contained seven buildings, a large plaza, and an underground shopping mall that connected six of the buildings. The Twin Towers were the centerpiece of complex.

9/11-related Health Effects: Thousands of individuals who worked at Ground Zero, and who lived and went to school nearby, became sick from their exposure to toxic air at the site. Thousands have since died from these illnesses.

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MAPS



NEW YORK CITY MAP

- 1: Manhattan
- 2: Brooklyn
- 3: Queens
- 4: Bronx
- 5: Staten Island

Location in brown represents JFK airport.

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PRE-9/11 WORLD TRADE CENTER MAP

- 1 WTC: North Tower
- 2 WTC: South Tower