



# THE 9/11 LESSON

Celebrating Real-Life Superheroes



LESSON TYPE(S)	GRADE(S)	DESCRIPTION
Arts & Crafts, Service, Social Studies	K, 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th, 5th	Learn about the 9/11 Memorials and create your own.
MATERIALS	PREP	GGC HEART BADGES
Paper, Pencil, Markers/ crayons, Memorials slide show	N/A	General, Rescue, Veterans

## MEMORIALS

### INTRODUCE

**EXPLAIN:** Memorials are built to honor people who have died during a particular historical event, or people who have made a big impact on history.

**DISCUSS:**

- Do you know of any memorials?
- Have you visited a memorial before? If so, describe it.

**EXPLAIN:** Memorials try to portray what happened, or something about it, in their design. They also try to honor the people who died.

**SHOW:** Slideshow of memorials.

**EXPLAIN:** There are memorials all over the world. But today, we're learning about the 9/11 memorials, which were built to honor and remember that event and the people who gave their lives that day.

### EXPLORE

**GROUP:** Students into 3 groups, each group assigned to a memorial.

**INSTRUCT:**

1. Visit <https://911lesson.org/memorials/>
2. Look for information on the memorial you have been assigned.
3. Make sure to identify:
  - How the victims are recognized



- How symbols were used in the design of the memorial
  - What each member of your group finds most interesting about the memorial.
4. Share what you've learned with the class.

### DISCUSS:

- What did you find most interesting?
- How were the memorials similar/different?

**INSTRUCT:** Now you will get the opportunity to design your own 9/11 memorial.

1. Think about where it would go.
2. Think about whether you will concentrate on a group of victims or all of them.
3. Choose a way to express what happened through symbols.
4. Draw a picture of your memorial.
5. Label the different elements of your memorial.

## CONNECT

**DISCUSS:** Why is it important to remember the past, and what can we learn from it so that the future is better?

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