**September 11th Interview Assignment:**

Mr. Daly

**Introduction:** You were born before the horrors of September 11th. Hopefully, our video lesson helped bring the events of that day into focus. For those of us old enough to remember, just as with any event in history, the details of September 11th and the memory of those lost, fades a little more with each passing year. People always say that it is important to study history so that the past does not repeat itself; but to prevent mistakes from happening again we must actually put in the effort and time to learn about such tragedies.

**Your assignment-the interview:**  You will be interviewing an adult who was alive to experience September 11th. There are certain events that happen in history where time feels as if it stops, and everyone remembers exactly what they were doing. For example, Pearl Harbor, or the assassination of JFK or MLK Jr., are some events that maybe your parents, grandparents, or even great grandparents would remember. September 11th also, unfortunately, falls into this category. To bring the experience alive to you, it will be helpful to talk to an adult who experienced it.

* Chose an adult who was alive and will be able to share lucid memories with you. For example, interviewing someone that was 5 years old at the time probably won’t give you a lot of perspective.
* It does not have to be (and probably will not be) someone who was directly in the towers/pentagon/airline flights that day. If you know someone who was directly affected, make sure you ask them if it’s okay to interview them ahead of time. This was/is an emotional issue and you want to be sensitive to that.
* It should be an adult that you personally know (i.e. please don’t start talking to strangers on the street).
* It can be a parent, family friend, aunt/uncle, teacher, religious community member, etc.
* If you are interviewing a teacher (not me please), the interview can not be done in “group sessions.” In other words, all questions/interviews must be completed individually.
* Think about what types of questions you want to ask BEFOREHAND
* *All interviewees (the person you are interviewing) must sign the form given in class. This must be submitted with your assignment.*

***You will use the responses to these interview questions during your Summative Assessment on Thursday.***

**SEE QUESTION EXAMPLES ON THE BACK**

**Types of questions you may want to ask:**

* What was your age on September 11, 2001? Where were you?
* What were you doing at the time?
* How did you learn about the attacks?
* At first, what did you think was happening?
* How did you react immediately following the news? Physically? Emotionally? Do you remember being scared?
* What images still stick in your mind?
* Describe the tone of the country that day
* Describe the tone of the country in the days that followed
* How did 9-11 affect your sense of patriotism or overall feelings about the US?
* How did other countries react to the attacks? How did 9-11 affect your sentiments about other countries?
* How did your personal life change after 9-11? (i.e. daily routines, feelings, etc)
* How do you feel now when you think about 9-11?
* Do you think Americans have changed in any positive ways as a result? Negative ways? Or what were some positive/negative impacts that came about as a result of the attacks?
* Do you fear another attack? Why? Do you think 9-11 could’ve been prevented?

**September 11th Interview Assignment:**

**As part of a Global history course, students must conduct an interview with an adult who remembers and is willing to talk about the events of September 11th. If you wish to be an interviewee for this assignment please sign the line below. No information will be distributed or used by the class or school in any way.**

I, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ am willing to participate in an interview

with \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ regarding September 11th, 2001.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

If you have any questions, please contact Mr. Daly – mdaly@brightenacademy.com