The anniversary of 9/11 provides an opportunity to explore with students a pivotal moment in American history and its impact on the social fabric of our democracy.

Here is one image from the Library of Congress September 11, 2001, Documentary Project that can enrich a discussion of 9/11 within a framework of civic belonging.

Source: https://www.loc.gov/resource/afc2001015.afc2001015_ph094/
Here are some ways you could engage students:

- Consider asking your students to look closely at this image— a note posted at the Pentagon soon after 9/11/2001.
- Ask students to jot down their emotional reactions to this image, some thoughts they may want to share and/or questions they may have about the image.
- Discuss whether this reaction to 9/11 in 2001 surprises students in any way and why.
- How does this image highlight what it means to be an American experiencing 9/11?