

AMERICAN CIVIC HOLIDAY RESOURCES

ANNIVERSARY OF 9/11

Teaching about 9/11

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](https://www.loc.gov/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?