

Remembering 9/11 - Interview Assignment

September 1, 2026

Dear Parents,

Another school year has begun, and our students are settling in nicely. We have begun studying in earnest, and our students are working hard to be the best white tigers they can be.

With the new school year also comes the opportunities for schoolwide parent involvement activities. It is our goal to have participation increase this year, as well as making the monthly project meaningful.

With that in mind, September this year is special. This is the 25th anniversary of 9/11. Our students weren't born yet, but this day must be remembered. We are asking our students to interview an adult who remembers that day, and have a meaningful discussion about it.

Sometimes, we must have difficult discussions with our students, but they are also moments that help them grow and learn to be empathetic adults.

Please see the attached paper and return it to Ms. Harris or Mrs. Good by September 30th. Students will earn 10 Liveschool points for completing the interview and returning it. If students also view one of the videos with an adult and write about it, they will earn an extra 5 points. These points will be used for rewards throughout the year. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact the Title I teachers at 304-275-3977.

Thank you for helping Wirt County Middle School learn and grow from the events that shaped our nation.

Ms. Harris

Mrs. Good

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One of the best ways to understand an event of history which we have no personal memory of is to ask questions of those who do remember the event. For this assignment, you will interview a parent, older relative, or trusted adult. This means you will ask questions to try to learn more about their experience of September 11, 2001, since they have a personal memory of it (even if they weren't there or directly involved).

Take some time to ask the person you are interviewing each of the following questions (you may use the back of this paper if you need more space). Write down 2-3 complete sentences from their answer for each question. Be respectful during the interview and thank them for their time at the end.

**Please return to Mrs. Good or Ms. Harris by September 30th.*

Interview Questions

1. Where were you on the morning of September 11th, 2001?
2. How did you become aware that something was wrong?
3. What were your first thoughts when you realized what had happened?
4. Can you tell me about the conversations/discussions you had that morning?
5. What is your most vivid (strongest) memory of that day?
6. How has September 11th changed you as a person (or others you know)?

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7. What did you do on September 12th? (Did you go back to work/school? When/where?)

8. Did September 11th affect your faith in God or outlook on life?

9. What lessons can we learn from what happened on that day?

10. Is there anything else you would like to share with me about 9/11?

*Additional research

Visit one of the following websites with the person you interviewed and write your impressions of what you watched together. Record what you discussed.

<https://online.kidsdiscover.com/unit/september-11/video/remembering-911#>

<https://www.teachingisthesweetest.com/blog/september-11th-videos-for-kids>