

Unit V: Challenges and Consequences in a Post 9/11 World

Grade Levels: 1-3

Time: 60 minutes

Lesson EV-12: September 12th

Interdisciplinary Connections:

History, literacy

Objectives:

- Students will be able to understand that terrible things happened on September 11th in 2001 but that life in America continued on September 12th.
- Students will be able to explain the ways they feel safe and secure living in America.
- Students will be able to create a visual display representing ways in which they feel safe and secure.

Key Terms:

Safety

Security

National Anthem

Patriotic

Materials:

- September 12th: *We Knew Everything Would Be All Right*. written and illustrated by first grade students of H. Byron Masterson Elementary in Kennett, Missouri.
- Directions for flag project
- Red, white, and blue construction paper
- White lined paper
- Star pattern

Activities/Procedures:

- Read and discuss *September 12th: We Knew Everything Would Be All Right*
- Have students create flags
- Students share projects with classmates and display in classroom or hallway

Evidence of Understanding:

- Students will be able to orally and visually explain how and why they feel safe and secure living in America.

Extension Activities: Taking Action and Giving Service:

- Invite several adults from the school or parents to visit the classroom and describe some of the changes they have witnessed in the United States since the events of September 11, 2001. Ask the visitors also to talk about those things that have not changed, both important and everyday in nature.
- Have the class write thank you letters to those who help them feel safe, such as members of the military, the police force, firefighters, and other first responders.