

**Unit VI:** Remembrance and the Creation of Memory

**Grade Levels:** 4-5

**Time:** 45-60 minutes

## **Lesson EVI-14: Student Responses to Artifacts in St. Paul's Chapel**

### **Interdisciplinary Connections:**

History, literacy, art

### **Objectives:**

- Students will study images of real artifacts and explore what these artifacts tell us.
- Students will be able to explain how the artifacts capture a memory.

### **Key Terms:**

**Artifact**

**Archive**

### **Materials:**

- Access to: <http://www.trinitywallstreet.org/files/congregation/stpaul/exhibit/ARCHIVE/index.php?ranger=1&id=5> ...or... printed images from the "Artifact Archive" at St. Paul's Chapel website (enough images for each student in the class to have one). Connect a television or projector to the computer if the images cannot be printed.

### **Activities/Procedures:**

- Each student selects an image from the "Artifact Archive" at St. Paul's Chapel, New York City.  
<http://www.trinitywallstreet.org/files/congregation/stpaul/exhibit/ARCHIVE/index.php?ranger=1&id=5>  
\*if it is difficult for all students to access the Internet, print multiple images from the website prior to the lesson.
- Ask students to respond to these questions as they study the image.  
(They can respond in written or spoken language. It may be more efficient for K-2 to respond by talking about the images instead of writing.)
  - Describe what you see.
  - What does this image tell us?
  - Does this artifact help us remember something or someone?
  - Why do you think this artifact was used to honor or remember 9/11?
  - How do you feel when you look at this image?Students can then share their images and their reactions to them in small groups.

### **Evidence of Understanding:**

- Ask students to name two images they remember clearly from the day's lesson.
  - What do these images help them remember?

**Extension Activities: Taking Action and Giving Service:**

- Do a web search to discover other online artifact exhibits and museums containing artifacts of the tragedies of September 11, 2001 that occurred in New York City, the Pentagon in Washington, and the air crash site in the field in Shanksville, PA.
- Go to Hugs Across America (<http://www.hugsacrossamerica.net/>) and learn how to help give teddy bears to children all over the world. Go to Kids Korner, read the book, T. Bear's Tale: Hugs Across America or bring the play, September Bears ([http://home.nwciowa.edu/barkerplays/one\\_act.htm](http://home.nwciowa.edu/barkerplays/one_act.htm)) to your school.