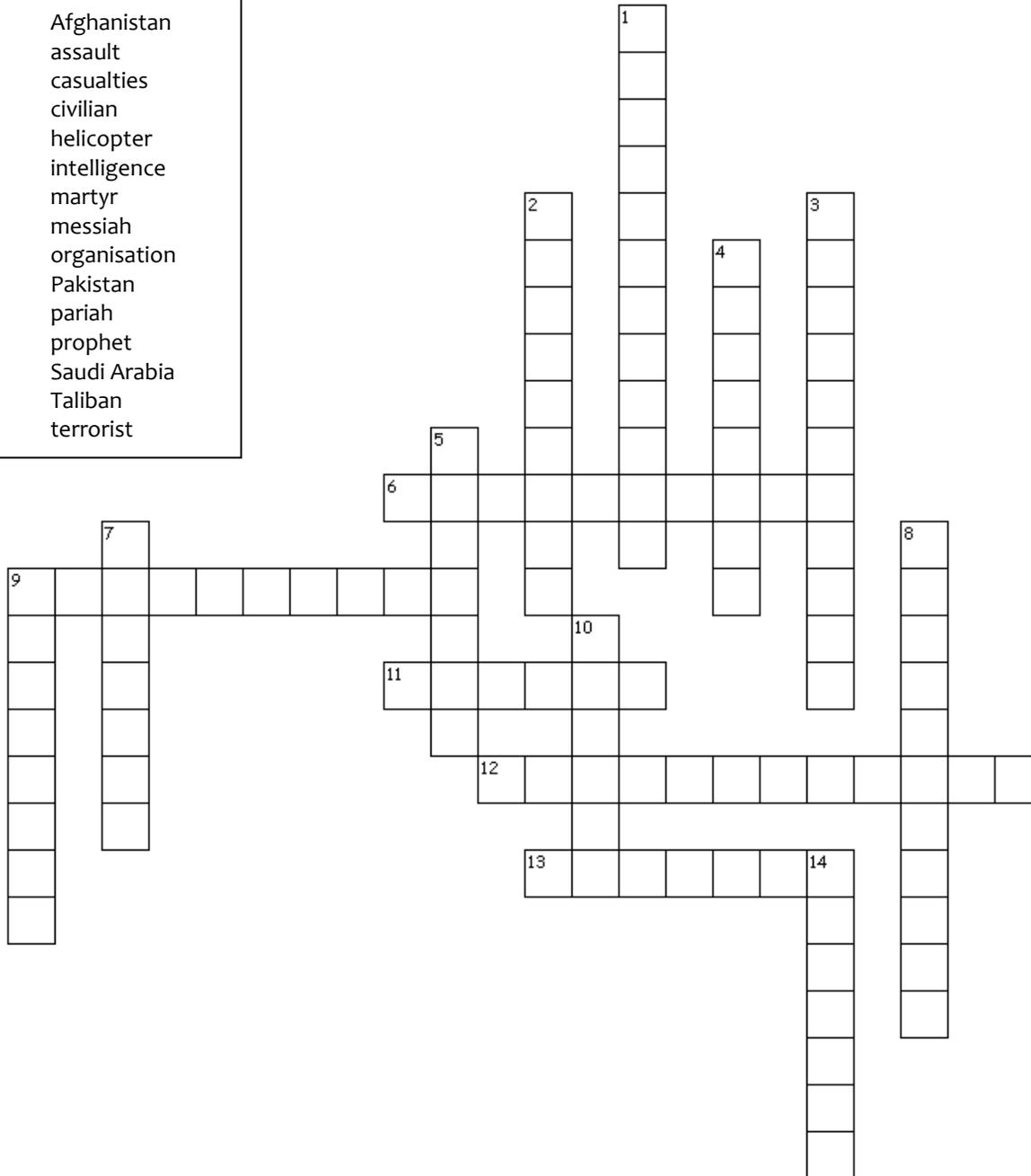


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September 11 Vocab Activity

- Afghanistan
- assault
- casualties
- civilian
- helicopter
- intelligence
- martyr
- messiah
- organisation
- Pakistan
- pariah
- prophet
- Saudi Arabia
- Taliban
- terrorist



Across

- 6. flying machine with four spinning blades
- 9. deaths or injuries
- 11. an outcast
- 12. brainpower – or, in this case information about the enemy
- 13. a person God speaks through

Down

- 1. group of people
- 2. a person who uses fear to fight for their cause (usually by blowing things up)
- 3. Osama bin Laden's birth country
- 4. country next door to Afghanistan
- 5. son of God come to save His believers (Jesus was one of these)
- 7. attack
- 8. country which was the home of the Taliban
- 9. non military person
- 10. a person who dies for what they believe in
- 14. the extremely religious terrorist organisation which took over Afghanistan

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September 11, 2001

What I already know about September 11:

Words I'm not sure about	What it means
Include words you think you know <i>but</i> you don't understand what they mean in this article.	
Important Keywords and Phrases	Notes about that keyword

New things I have learned about September 11.

Please answer these in sentences:

How many planes were involved?

Which war started as a consequence of this attack, and why?

Where were you and what were you doing when you first heard about the September 11 attack?

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Behind the News

9/11 Anniversary

NATHAN BAZLEY, REPORTER:

In a few days time the calendar will hit the 11th of September. But the date might not mean much to you unless I say it in a different way 9/11. On this date ten years ago the worst terrorist attack of the modern age took place in America. Let's take a look at the event that changed the world in so many ways.

It was an attack designed to shock the world, an attack designed to create fear, and an attack designed to kill thousands of innocent people.

Ten years ago, on the morning of September 11th, while office workers arrived at work and tourists gathered in New York to see the sights, extremists working for a terrorist group called Al Qaeda hijacked planes and caused this.

The targets were the World Trade Centre buildings in New York and the American Defence headquarters, known as the Pentagon in Virginia. Another plane was also hijacked, before its passengers fought back and caused the plane to crash.

By the end of that horrible day, nearly 3000 people had died at the hands of the hijackers.

While America mourned, the thoughts of their government had already turned to finding those responsible and holding them to account. Their investigations showed that Osama Bin Laden and his terrorist group Al Qaeda was behind the attacks. So America's next move was to target their base in the country of Afghanistan.

Soldiers from America and allied countries including Australia flooded the country as war was declared. But things didn't just change in far-off countries overseas.

Security in America and even Australia changed dramatically after



the attacks. You'd be used to seeing scenes like this at an airport; security scanning for dangerous objects.

But before the attacks, American passengers could sometimes take pocket knives on flights and kids could visit the plane's cockpit. Now the doors are locked and bullet-proof. And all the while in Australia, the government was warning us of the possibility of a similar attack happening here, with ads like this.

AD: Be alert, not alarmed.

There were also effects for some religious groups too. The terrorist group Al Qaeda are extremists who follow the Islamic religion. But even though most followers of that religion didn't support the attacks in any way, some were punished by members of the community all the same. Some of their mosques were burnt down or vandalised, and innocent people were hurt or abused in the street.

Ten years on and many of the effects of the September 11 terrorist attacks are still with us. The war is still grinding on in Afghanistan, security is still tight in airports, and sadly, some still have negative feelings towards Islamic people.

But out of such devastation, there have been glimmers of hope too. The spirit of caring, sacrifice and pride that the American people showed in the hours and days after the attacks, is still being shown today. And as families gather each year to pay tribute to those lost during the attacks, those are the images they will remember most.



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9/11: The al-Qaeda attack that stopped the world

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IT was the horrifying moment that stopped the world.

On September 11, 2001, a series of devastating suicide attacks rocked the US, killing 2976 people.

Nineteen al-Qaeda terrorists hijacked four commercial passenger planes and crashed two of them into the Twin Towers of the World Trade Center in New York, with the buildings collapsing in less than two hours. Everyone on board the planes was killed, along with many working in the buildings.

A third airliner was crashed into the Pentagon in Virginia, while a fourth plane crashed into a field near Shanksville, Pennsylvania after passengers and crew attempted to retake control of the jet.

Following the attacks the Federal Bureau of Investigation launched the largest criminal inquiry in the history of the US, telling that the US Senate that there is "clear and irrefutable" evidence linking al-Qaeda and Bin Laden to the events.

The US responded to the attacks by launching the War on Terror, invading Afghanistan in an attempt to depose the Taliban, who harboured al-Qaeda terrorists.

Attention was also focused on Iraq. According to *CBS News* just hours after the attacks Defence Secretary Donald H. Rumsfeld told his aides to come up with plans to strike Iraq – even though there was no evidence linking Saddam Hussein to the attacks.

The Iraq War began on March 20, 2002, with the invasion of Iraq by US troops under the administration of former President George Bush. The US has since begun winding down its operations in Iraq.

The September 11 attacks had a severe economic impact on the US and world markets. When the stock markets – which did not open on September 11 – opened the next day the Dow Jones Industrial Average stock market plunged 7.1 per cent, a record one-day point decline.

US stocks lost \$1.4 trillion in value by the end of the week.

The attacks rocked the world with numerous countries, including China, the UK, France and India, introducing anti-terrorism legislation following the attacks.