September 11 Vocab Activity

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

Afghanistan
assault
casualties
civilian
helicopter
intelligence
martyr
messiah
organisation
Pakistan
pariah
prophet
Saudi Arabia
Taliban
terrorist
**September 11, 2001**

What I already know about September 11:

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Match the following words to the spaces in the following article.

*innocent, Osama Bin Laden, World Trade Centre, bullet-proof, Afghanistan, vandalised, terrorist, Al Qaeda, passengers, dangerous, horrible, extremists*

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Please answer **these in sentences:**

- How many planes were involved?
- Who were the attackers?
- What were the targets of the attack?
- How many people died?
- What changed in airports because of the attacks?
- Which war started as a consequence of this attack, and why?

New things I have learned about September 11.
Behind the News

9/11 Anniversary

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 ______ 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 ______ 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 __________ buildings in New York and the American Defence headquarters, known as the Pentagon in Virginia. Another plane was also hijacked, before its ______ fought back and caused the plane to crash.

By the end of that ______ 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 ______ and his terrorist group ______ behind the attacks. So America's next move was to target their base in the country of __________.

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 ______ 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 ______. 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 ______ 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 ______, 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.