

Teaching and Talking in Schools about 9/11

A selection of useful websites

Introductory notes

Most but not all of the materials mentioned in this list were especially compiled or updated for the tenth anniversary of 9/11 in autumn 2011.

Most but not all have a specific focus on teaching, in both formal and informal settings.

The list is intended primarily for teachers and youth workers, and those who support and advise them. It is likely to be useful also for many parents, and for personal webquests and enquiries undertaken by students.

1. 9/11 Education Programme

Detailed lesson ideas for secondary age students of art and design, citizenship, English and drama, history and religious studies, emphasising the importance of dialogue, understanding and compassion. Written in the light of extensive research involving teachers, students and educational experts and launched on 5 September 2011.

<http://9-11educationprogramme.co.uk/>

2. Amnesty International

Resources and ideas with UK schools in mind, developed in cooperation with the Association for Citizenship Teaching and the Three Faiths Forum.

<http://amnesty.org.uk/content.asp?CategoryID=11770>

3. Facing History and Ourselves

Discussions of wider issues relating to prejudice, terrorism, identity and history.

http://www.facinghistory.org/911?_k=9%2F11%20teaching&_kt=df9ad687-0a5a-4b2b-afa5-a0e416712f93&gclid=CLnn5_-A6qoCFQEf4QodbR8ENw

4. Headlong Theatre

Information about the play 'Decade', performed in London in association with the National Theatre in September 2011, with implicit suggestions for teaching about 9/11 in schools. <http://www.decadeheadlong.com/about>

5. History News Network

A brief review in 2002 about how schools should remember 9/11, and about controversies in this regard which were then current.

<http://hnn.us/articles/954.html>

6. Imperial War Museum

Two exhibitions in London in autumn 2011, not specifically aimed at schools but with ideas that could be developed for educational settings.

<http://www.iwm.org.uk/server/show/ConWebDoc.7267>

7. Insted Consultancy – (a) Islamophobia and British Muslims

In addition to compiling this list, the Insted Consultancy has helped to compile many documents and reports over the years about Islamophobia and British Muslims, frequently with a specific focus on education.

<http://www.insted.co.uk/islam.html>

8. Insted Consultancy – (b) controversial and sensitive issues

A set of papers about a recent educational project which had a strong but not exclusive emphasis on issues relating to terrorism, identity and conflict.

<http://www.insted.co.uk/sensitive-issues.html>

9. Larry Ferlazzo

A substantial list of factual material entitled 'The Best Sites to Help Teach about 9/11', including several video clips.

<http://larryferlazzo.edublogs.org/2008/08/13/the-best-sites-to-help-teach-about-911/>

10. Learn About 9/11

Sub-titled 'Lessons to inspire your students', the site contains several interesting resources and discussion forums.

<http://www.learnabout9-11.org/>

11. Morningside Center

A wide range of lesson plans and reflections compiled over the years, and updated for the tenth anniversary in autumn 2001.

<http://www.teachablemoment.org/9-11anniversary.html>

12. New York Times

Articles, lesson plans and teaching ideas published during the week beginning Monday 29 August 2011.

<http://learning.blogs.nytimes.com/tag/teaching-911/>

13. Nine Eleven Day

Learning from the Challenges of Our Times: global security, terrorism and 9/11 in the classroom contains 58 lesson plans for every grade and subject. Attractively introduced at <http://www.njspotlight.com/stories/11/0714/2340/>, and there are links to downloadable materials at <http://www.911day.org/learning/learning-challenges-our-times>

14. Prepare New York

A project organised by several inter-faith organisations. Materials include a video on national identity.

<http://prepareny.ning.com/>

15. Purdue University Extension

A brief set of questions and answers for adults who wish to help children and young people talk and think about terrorism and violence, written in September 2001 by Dr Judith Myers-Walls.

<http://www.ces.purdue.edu/terrorism/response.html>

16. Red Cross

Materials for a school assembly in Britain, specially compiled for the tenth anniversary.

<http://www.redcross.org.uk/What-we-do/Teaching-resources/Assembly-kits/911-anniversary>

17. September 11 Digital Archive

Immense collection of personal stories and memories.

http://911digitalarchive.org/galleries.php?collection_id=23

18. Tanenbaum

Focusing particularly on issues to do with faith and religion.

<https://www.tanenbaum.org/prepareny>

19. Teaching Tolerance

A wealth of discussion and practical suggestions, specially updated for the tenth anniversary in autumn 2011.

<http://www.tolerance.org/blog/bringing-911-classroom-10-years-later>

20. Thomas Fordham Institute

A substantial paper entitled 'What Our Children Need to Know', written in 2002.

http://www.edexcellencemedia.net/publications/2002/200209_sept11whychildrenhavetherightstoknowaboutit/September11.pdf