

9/11 Heroes
By Carol Montgomery
(A Choral Readers Theater based on Sept. 11, 2001)

Time = about 1 1/2 minutes

Readability = grade 2.7 (a few multi-syllabic words--not including the words: "Chorus A," "Chorus B," "A & B Together")

Cast (2+):

Chorus A

Chorus B



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Vocabulary: (more difficult words are in bold)

9/11

2001

building

called

crashed

firefighters

helped

New York

north

other

Pennsylvania

Pentagon

people

police officers

rescue

second

south

third

together

tower

twin

Washington D C

workers



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Chorus A: 9/11 2001 was a very bad day.

Chorus B: Bad men took over four U.S. jets.

Chorus A: One jet flew into a tall building in New York called the North Tower. It was one of the Twin Towers.

Chorus B: A second jet flew into the tall building next door called the South Tower. It was the other Twin Tower.

A & B Together: Both buildings were on fire.

Chorus A: A third jet flew into a building in Washington D.C. called the Pentagon. It was on fire.

Chorus B: The last jet crashed in a field in Pennsylvania. It also got on fire.

A & B Together: Heroes helped on 9/11.

Chorus A: Firefighters ran to help.

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Chorus B: Police officers ran to help.

Chorus A: Rescue workers ran to help.

Chorus B: Lots of people ran to help.

A & B Together: Many people needed help.

Chorus A: People died.

Chorus B: People were hurt.

Chorus A: But, many people ran to help.

Chorus B: They were heroes on 9/11.

A & B Together: They were very good heroes on a
very bad day.
They helped.



Curriculum Links (Valid as of January 2017):

http://teacher.scholastic.com/scholasticnews/indepth/911/teachers/lesson_plans.htm

Scholastic's lesson plans for remembering "9/11/2001: The Day That Changed America." Includes links for lessons for grades PreK-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8, "Hooray for Heroes Theme Unit," "The Star-Spangled Banner," and "Design the Future."

<http://www2.scholastic.com/browse/article.jsp?id=5242>

"A Dog Has His Day--Recognizing the Four-Legged Heroes of Ground Zero" article from Scholastic.

<http://www2.scholastic.com/browse/article.jsp?id=5246>

"Making Choices--A New Jersey School Observes 9/11" article from Scholastic.

http://teacher.scholastic.com/scholasticnews/indepth/911/kids_character.htm

"American Character Week--A week to celebrate courage and helping others" article from Scholastic. They refer to the celebration from September 6-17, 2002, but any classroom or family could incorporate the idea as part of the remembrance of 9/11.

http://www.abcteach.com/directory/theme_units/us_patriotism/

USA printables on patriotism.

http://www.ussartf.org/world_trade_center_disaster.htm

Website of the United States Search and Rescue Task Force on the World Trade Center Disaster. The site was put up about 2002 with excellent photos, plus information from engineers on why the Twin Towers fell.

<http://www.911memorial.org/interactive-911-timelines>

This interactive timeline chronicles the events of 9/11 using images, audio and video from the 9/11 Memorial Museum's permanent collection. The timeline tells the story of the day as it unfolded in the air and on the ground. It's filled with first-person accounts from survivors, first responders and witnesses. Please note: Due to the nature of events related to the Sept. 11 attacks, the timeline contains some graphic images and sensitive content. Parents may want to first review the site before sharing it with young children.

<http://ladyliberty.national911memorial.org/>

A replica of the Statue of Liberty stood honor guard outside a New York firehouse in the weeks and months after the attack. She was offered items and words as a memorial. This interactive website shares her story and includes a teaching guide focusing on the artistic response to 9/11. You can zoom in and see the contributions (e.g., colorful origami paper cranes, German "Polizei" badge, Royal Canadian Mounted Police badge).

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<https://www.911memorial.org/education-goals>

"Education Goals" at the 9/11 Memorial site--includes lesson plans, FAQs, "Talking to Children About 9/11," and "Webcasts: Exploring 9/11." For example, "How do we deal with communities of hate?"

<http://www.911memorial.org/node/780891>

"FAQ about 9/11" 13 questions about 9/11--ranging from the World Trade Center/ Pentagon events to Islam and al Qaeda. The last questions are on the 9/11 Memorial and Museum.

<http://www.911memorial.org/911-and-its-aftermath>

"9/11 and its Aftermath"--"These webcasts provide on-the-scene accounts of the attacks and the aftermath."

<http://libertyslegacy.com/educational-programs/the-super-citizen-program-grades-3-5>

"Liberty's Legacy" Super Citizen program for schools designed for 3rd-5th grades to help instill an appreciation for the United States, our freedoms, and the price paid by our veterans.

http://www.educationworld.com/a_curr/curr369.shtml

"Helping Children Cope: Teacher Resources for Talking About Tragedy" article with links.

http://www.7-dippity.com/other/op_freedownloads.html

"Helping America Cope with the Challenges of War and Terrorism" for ages 6-12. Downloadable book. Spanish version available. (I didn't review the book.)

<http://www.teachervision.fen.com/us-history/tragedy/71266.html?detoured=1>

"Q&A with Author Don Brown on Teaching September 11: Ten Years Later" from TeacherVision.

<http://www.atozteacherstuff.com/pages/1818.shtml>mail.google.com

List of teacher ideas from forum posts on what to do on September 11. Grades K-5.

You Tube:

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2V6BZjVbl64>

"New York--Statue of Liberty and Twin Towers" video
Ferry boat ride and view from Lady Liberty. Music is in another language--kind of a techno-jazz. 6:20

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qWe--leOjCQ&feature=related>

"Sept 11, 2011" video slide show with appropriate music, comments of people there, President Bush comments... Review photos before showing your children. 3:40

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http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=w9jUEp_l7cE&feature=related

"The Man Who Saw It Coming"--predicting 9-11. Documentary on the man who prepared for 9-11 with evacuation drills...and saved countless lives after learning from the '93 ground bombing of the World Trade Center. 9:57

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YMiqEUBux3o>

CNN-Ex-President George W. Bush's Post 9-11 Speech. (I took excerpts from this speech for the more advanced Readers Theater script "Never, Never, Never Forget 9/11".)

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=x7OCgMPX2mE>

"George W. Bush--9-11 Bullhorn Speech" to Emergency Rescue Workers. You can hear the crowd cheering, "USA! USA! USA!" 2:03

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=18lsxFcDrjo>

"Tom Hanks narrates the epic story of the 9/11 boatlift that evacuated half a million people from the stricken piers and seawalls of Lower Manhattan in the space of 9 hours." **This true documentary interviews several of the boat captains and tells a powerful story of people coming together to help those they do not know.**

Includes some mature scenes of people covered with dust coming out of the disaster, but the focus is on the teamwork of people who helped. Powerful! Putting cost and inconvenience aside to help perfect strangers, this video acknowledges our innate desire to save all lives.

LENGTH = about 11 minutes with a minute of credits at the end.

