

9/11 Worksheet – Memorializing

Student Name _____ Date _____

Instructions: After reading about the mission of the National September 11 Memorial Museum, below, think about and analyze the following examples of tributes that commemorate the victims of 9/11 and the many who sacrificed to help others on that day:

- The National September 11 Memorial Site
<http://www.911memorial.org/design-overview>
- Coming Together: Children’s Tribute <http://www.911memorial.org/tribute/museum-acquires-childrens-art-feature>
- Lady Liberty: Honoring Fallen Heroes, interactive <http://ladyliberty.national911memorial.org/>
- The Official Commemorative Medal <http://www.911memorial.org/commemorative-medal>

Remember and honor the thousands of innocent men, women, and children murdered by terrorists in the horrific attacks of February 26, 1993 and September 11, 2001;

Respect this place made sacred through tragic loss;

Recognize the endurance of those who survived, the courage of those who risked their lives to save others, and the compassion of all who supported us in our darkest hours.

May the lives remembered, the deeds recognized, and the spirit reawakened be eternal beacons, which reaffirm respect for life, strengthen our resolve to preserve freedom, and inspire an end to hatred, ignorance and intolerance.

(Source: The official website of the National September 11 Memorial and Museum, <http://www.911memorial.org/mission-statements-0>)

- Look at the different examples of tribute and commemoration from the memorial and museum and select one. Write a brief essay (about 300 words) discussing your choice. Why do you feel this type of commemoration is a great way to pay tribute those who lost their lives or those who volunteered to help others? How is this particular tribute or unique?
- Design your own medal, memorial, or commemorative item. Working alone or with a team, decide to whom you will dedicate this work. Will it be an individual or a group? Then, choose your medium. (You might consider a painting, sculpture, drawing, or collage, for example.) Share your finished design or product with the class and explain to whom it is dedicated and why you chose this medium to pay tribute.