OneOC’s 9/11 Day of Service
Service-Learning Lesson Plan

This National Day of Service honors the lives impacted by the tragic events of September 11th, 2001. It is focused on “Remembrance through Service.” Throughout the entire month, OneOC sponsors county-wide service projects and toolkits that engage volunteers of all ages. They are used to support our troops, veterans, disaster preparedness specialists, and all of our American heroes. Since 2011, over 7,500 Orange County volunteers have participated in this national initiative in collaboration with OneOC.

About 9/11
September 11th is remembered for its tragedies and great acts of heroism.

On the darkest day in American history, nineteen al Qaeda terrorists hijacked four commercial U.S. jetliners, deliberately crashing two into the North and South Towers of the World Trade Center and a third into the Pentagon. After learning of the attacks, passengers and crew members on the fourth plane attempted to commandeer control, and the plane crashed into a field in Western Pennsylvania.

The planes were hijacked in an attempt to stifle American morale. The attempt failed. During and in the aftermath of the chaos, countless Americans risked their lives to save their brethren in peril. They banded together to display unimaginable bravery to the rest of the free world.

Every year since that tragic day, we’ve remembered the fallen, along with the brave men and women who risked everything in the face of evil. We’ve built monuments in their honor. We’ve raised money for the victim’s families. We’ve shed countless tears. We remember through serving.

For more information about 9/11, please visit: http://www.911memorial.org/

Remembrance through Service

On the anniversary of the September 11th attacks, Americans have united through service in the same remarkable way that so many did following the attacks.

There are opportunities for hundreds of thousands of volunteers to paint and refurbish homes, run food drives, spruce up schools, reclaim neighborhoods, and support and honor veterans, soldiers, military families, and 9/11 first responders.

Learning through Serving

OneOC encourages service-learning. Service-learning is a method of teaching that combines classroom instruction with meaningful community service. This form of learning emphasizes critical thinking and personal reflection while encouraging a heightened sense of community, civic engagement, and personal responsibility.
9/11 Day of Service & Service-Learning Resources

9/11 Tribute Videos:

- Rudy Giuliani and Paul Simon Tribute
- 9/11: Ground Zero's First Responders (Children under 13 are advised to watch this with an adult)
- 9/11 Memorial "Reflecting Absense"
- President Obama Speaks at the 9/11 Museum Dedication
- Inside the New One World Trade Center
- 9/11 Tribute to Heroes

Recommended Reading:

- The Stories They Tell: Artifacts from the National September 11 Memorial Museum
- We’re Not Leaving
- The First Responders
- 102 Minutes: The Unforgettable Story of the Fight to Survive Inside the Twin Towers
- The Man in the Red Bandana
- 9/11 Ordinary People: Extraordinary Heroes: NYC
- Four Days at the Pentagon
- Among the Heroes: United Flight 93 and the Passengers and Crew Who Fought Back
- The American Spirit
- LIFE One Nation: America Remembers September 11
- LIFE One Nation: America Remembers September 11, 2001, 10 Years Later
- 9/11 The World Speaks

Videos on Service-Learning:

- Learn and Serve America
Service-Learning: Real Life Applications for Learning

TED Talks: Service and Schools
TED Talks: Success is Helping Others
TED Talks: Getting More Than We Give-Realities of Volunteerism

Books about Service-Learning:

The Complete Guide to Service Learning: Proven, Practical Ways to Engage Students in Civic Responsibility, Academic Curriculum, & Social Action:

The Kid's Guide to Service Projects: Over 500 Service Ideas for Young People Who Want to Make a Difference

Kids Taking Action: Community Service Learning Projects, K-8

Raising Charitable Children

Democracy's Education: Public Work, Citizenship, and the Future of Colleges and Universities

Giving Back With Purpose

Ways to Help in Your Community

The Lemonade Stand

The Brightest Day and The Brightest Light: The Magic of Helping Others:

The American Way to Change: How National Service and Volunteers Change America

Service-Learning: Books to Read to Children about Courage

Have Courage! (A Book About Being Brave)

Courage

Brave Sophia

Sheila Rae, The Brave

I’m Brave
Additional Resources:

http://www.911day.org/

http://www.scholastic.com/browse/article.jsp?id=3754675

http://www.serve.gov/?q=site-page/sept11-resources

http://www.dropoutprevention.org/effective-strategies/service-learning

http://www.generationon.org/educators/lessons-resources/parde

Potential Pictures

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Picture 2 Below