**We the People**

**“911 Documentary – Guided Viewing Questions – Short Project – 1st Quarter”**

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Answer each of the following questions thoroughly over the next few days. We will view the documentary in class and you will need to research at home to complete this assignment – each of the following questions will be graded out of 10 points, so provide thorough responses:

1. Explain how viewing the documentary has changed your understanding of the terrorist attacks committed against America on September 11, 2001 – justify your answer with two specific scenes from the documentary.
2. Do a little research to see if the American government had been warned of the possibility of such an attack. Be specific and cite your sources!

1. Ask your parents, guardian, or perhaps even a teacher, what they were doing the morning of September 11, 2001. How did this event impact them personally? What memories linger for them?
2. What is the Patriot Act (“patriot” is an acronym)? When was it passed by Congress? What was its purpose? Was it repealed or renewed by the Obama administration? Explain.
3. On what grounds (arguments) do opponents (against) of the Patriot Act attack it? Find and describe one specific example of an accusation or lawsuit against the federal government’s enforcement of this law.
4. On what grounds (arguments) do proponents (supporters) of the Patriot Act defend it? Do you agree or disagree? Explain your answer.
5. It has been said throughout American history that… “Those who would give up essential liberty (such as the right to privacy), to purchase a little temporary safety, deserve neither liberty nor safety.” Is this quote applicable to America’s war on terrorism? Explain your answer.
6. Khalid Sheikh Mohammed, the professed mastermind behind the attacks on September 11, 2001, was said to have been water boarded by the Bush administration over 180 times. Do you agree or disagree with the use of, what the Obama administration has determined to be torture, of suspected terrorists? Explain your answer.
7. The American government sought, and is still seeking, the death penalty for Khalid Sheikh Mohammed. Would you support or oppose the execution of this terrorist mastermind? Justify your answer with two specific arguments.
8. Many Americans supported the subsequent wars to follow September 11, 2001, on the idea that America must keep pressure on the terrorist networks “over there,” in Iraq and Afghanistan, in order to prevent another attack here in the United States. President Biden recently pulled our military out of Afghanistan, ending a twenty-year war. Do you support bringing out troops home? Or would you rather keep a military presence in order to possibly mitigate another attack? Please explain.