**We the People**

**“911 Documentary – Guided Viewing Questions”**

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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 the internet at home or in the WSHS Library in your spare time – it is available before and after school each day – we will quiz over this information:

1. Explain how viewing the documentary has changed your understanding of the attacks against America on September 11, 2001 – justify your answer with two specific scenes from the documentary which influenced your understanding.
2. Ask your parents or a teacher perhaps what they were doing the morning of September 11, 2001. How did this event impact them personally? What memories linger for them?
3. What is the Patriot Act? When was it passed by Congress? Has it been repealed or renewed by the Obama administration? Explain.
4. On what grounds do opponents of the Patriot Act attack it? Find and describe two examples of accusations or lawsuits against the federal government.
5. On what grounds do proponents of the Patriot Act defend it? Do you agree or disagree? Explain your answer.
6. It has been said throughout American history that… “Those who would give up essential liberty, to purchase a little temporary safety, deserve neither liberty nor safety.” Is this quote applicable to America’s war on terrorism? Explain your answer.
7. 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.
8. The American government sought the death penalty for Khalid Sheikh Mohammed. Would you have supported or opposed the execution of this convicted terrorist? Justify your answer with two specific arguments.