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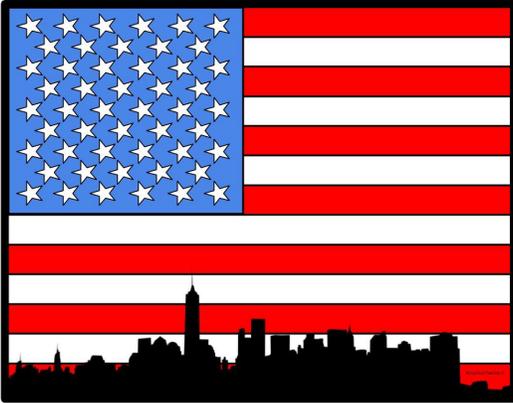
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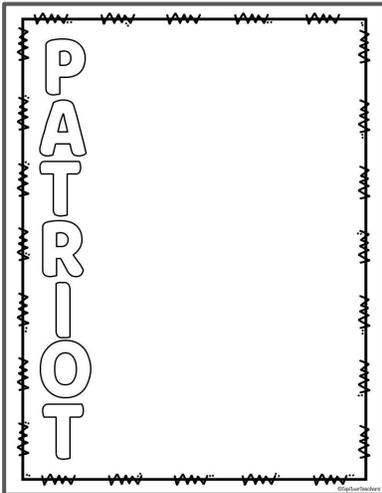
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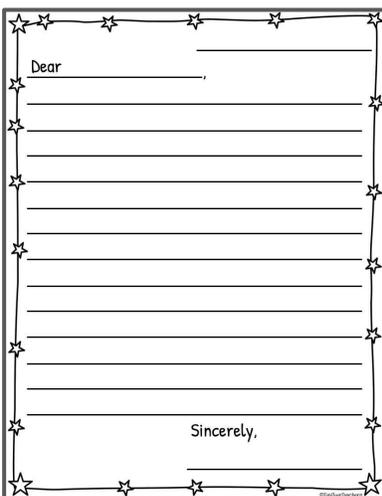
Thank you for downloading this product. You can use this product in a variety of ways to help your students observe and honor Patriot Day.



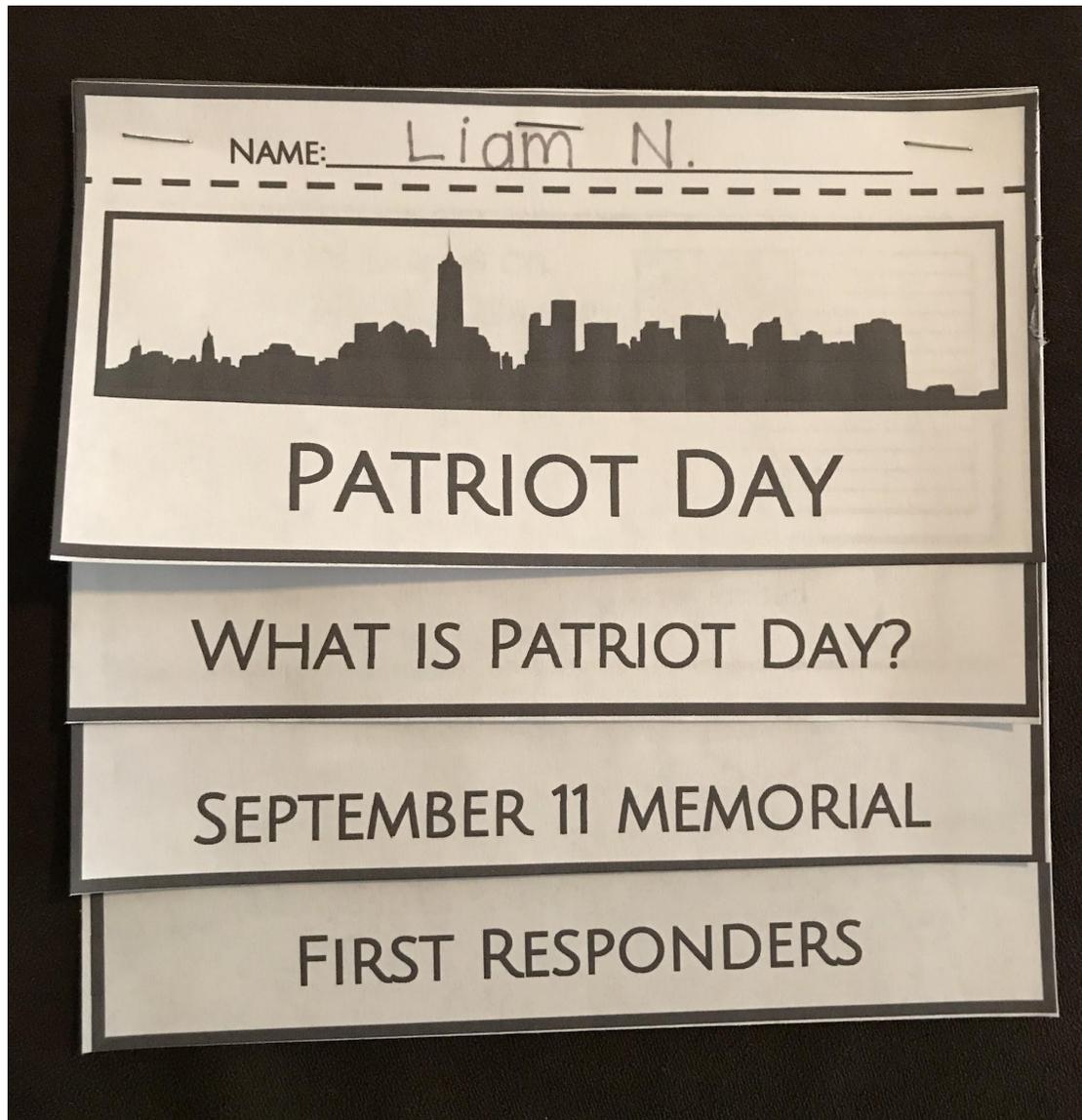
There are two versions of this flag. One with the stars and one without in case you want students to draw their own stars. Simple poems about heroes can also be written on the white stripes.



Patriot Acrostic Poem- These can be placed under the flag or used on their own.



Letter Template- Students can use this template to write to local first responders or a hero of their choice.



Patriot Day Flipbook- Students can color and read all about Patriot Day.

# Digital Freedom Tower Comprehension Passage and Questions

Assign your students this passage digitally so they can learn more about The Freedom Tower.

\*Printable Option also included.

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**The Freedom Tower** by J.Q. McNicol

<sup>1</sup> On April 4, 1973, the historic twin towers of downtown Manhattan's World Trade Center were completed. The towers were massive. They were 110 stories each, a popular tourist attraction, and a symbol of economic strength. On September 11, 2001, the World Trade Center became the target of a large terrorist attack that took the lives of nearly 3,000 people. The disaster also altered the skyline of New York City, destroying the twin columns. The two damaged buildings were no longer present. After the attack, it was decided that the best way to stand up to the terrorists was to rebuild a new tower as a symbol of the bravery and strength in America.

<sup>2</sup> After the destruction of the original World Trade Center, there was debate regarding what to do at the site of the World Trade Center. In 2002, there was a competition to determine how to use the site. The idea was brought forth to memorialize the September 11 attacks and rebuild. In December 2002, a design by Daniel Libeskind was selected as the winner. Unfortunately for Libeskind, another architect named David Childs was later hired to design the skyscraper. Although he was upset, Libeskind was able to keep one part of his original plan. He wanted the height of the tower to be 1,776 feet to represent the year the Declaration of Independence was signed and the United States became a nation.

<sup>3</sup> This new building was completed in 2014 and called the Freedom Tower (also known as One World Trade Center, 1 World Trade Center, and 1WTC). It is currently the tallest building in the western hemisphere and the sixth tallest in the world. There are 104 stories, 9 escalators, and 70 elevators. The skyscraper is made out of 48,000 tons of structural steel and considered to be one of the safest buildings since it has a center core surrounded by concrete.

<sup>4</sup> The Freedom Tower honors the courage and bravery of those who lost their lives. It also represents a symbol of strength and unity for the nation. It stands tall against the New York skyline and is a towering symbol of freedom.

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## Answer Key

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### The Freedom Tower Comprehension Questions

- In paragraph 1, what is the meaning of the word altered? (1 point)
  - to stop
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  - to break
  - to keep the same
- Which sentence from the passage would best fit as a caption for the illustration? (1 point)
  - The towers were massive.
  - The Freedom Tower honors the courage and bravery of those who lost their lives.
  - After the attack, it was decided that the best way to stand up to the terrorists was to rebuild a new tower as a symbol of the bravery and strength in America.
  - The idea was brought forth to memorialize the September 11 attacks and rebuild.
- Based on the passage, choose two reasons why they decided to rebuild a new tower? (2 points)
  - They wanted the New York City skyline to look complete.
  - The architects wanted it to be the tallest building in the western hemisphere.
  - The towers would represent strength in America.
  - It would be a safe building with a center core surrounded by concrete.
  - The tower would help serve as a memorial to those who lost their lives.
- What does the word iconic mean in the context it appears in paragraph 1? (2 points)

Iconic means important and widely recognized.

- In paragraph 4, the author states that the Freedom Tower "represents a symbol of strength and unity for the nation." Explain the meaning of this statement. (2 points)

This statement means that America is strong and we would not let the tragedy define us as a nation. Instead, this building would represent everyone coming together as a nation.

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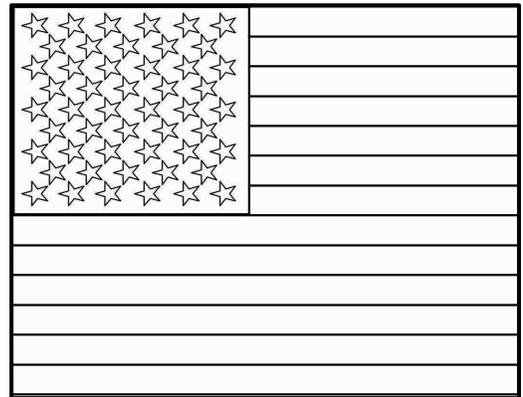
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# PATRIOT DAY

Patriot Day is on September 11. This day remembers and honors the victims of the September 11 terrorist attacks.



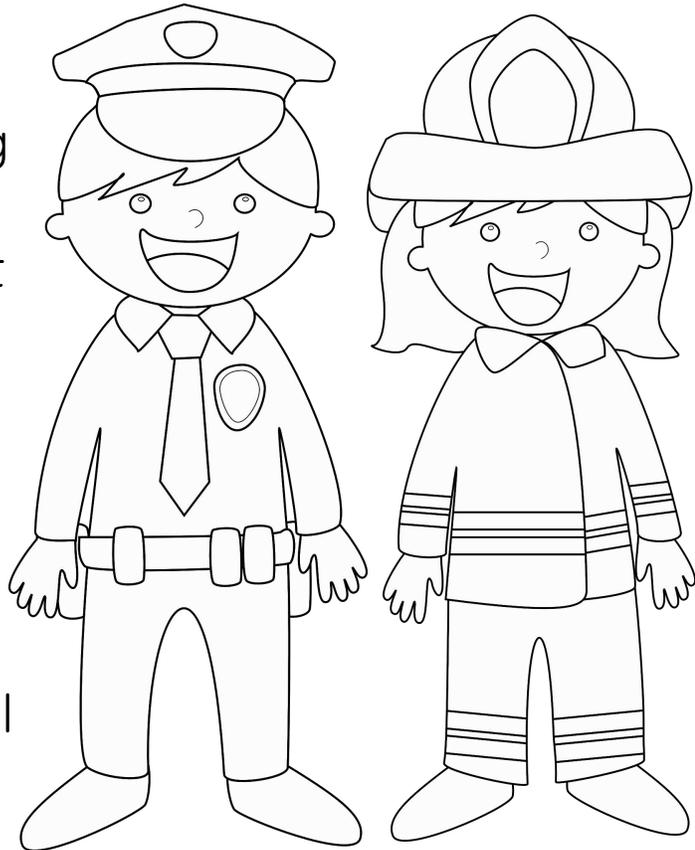
## WHAT IS PATRIOT DAY?

President George W. Bush signed the law to officially observe Patriot Day. At the September 11 Memorial, the names of every person who died in the attacks is carved in panels around the outside of two pools. These pools are the same size as the base of the original twin towers. Other buildings, such as the Freedom Tower, were also built to honor the lives and show unity in the United States of America.

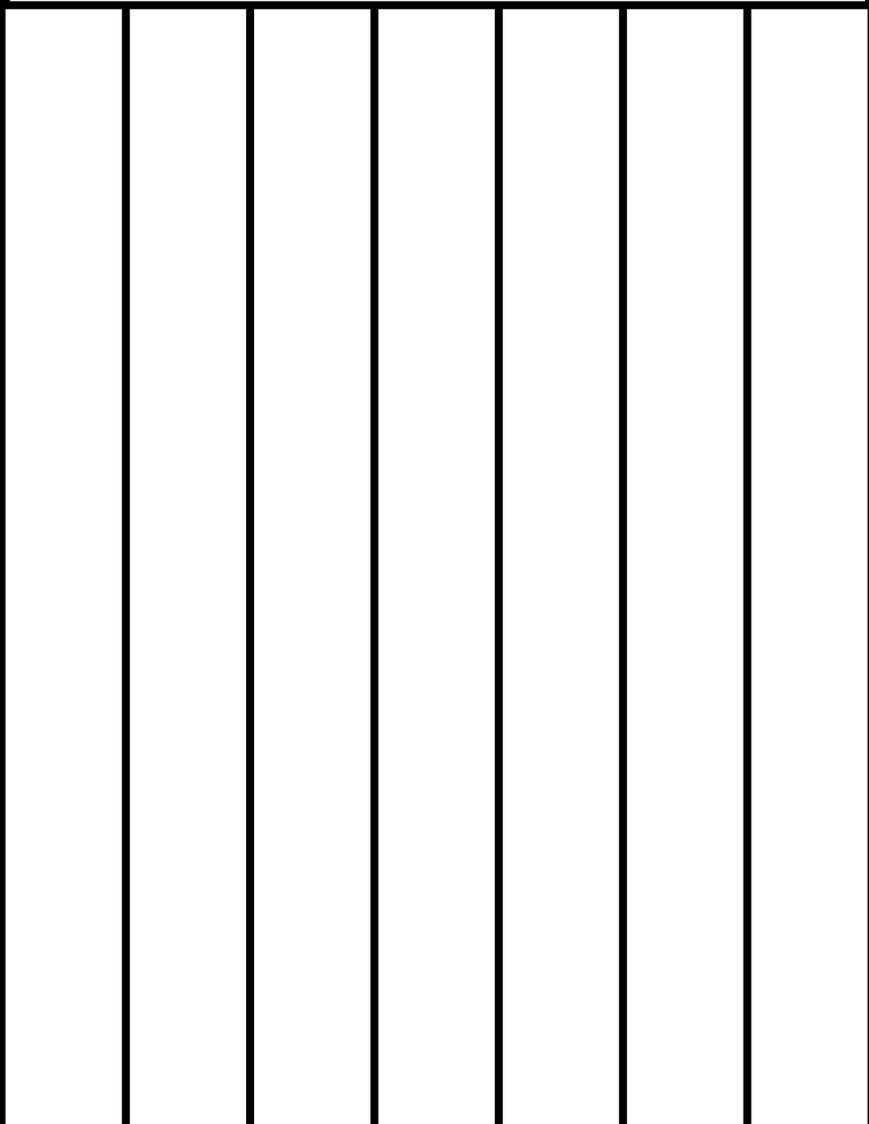
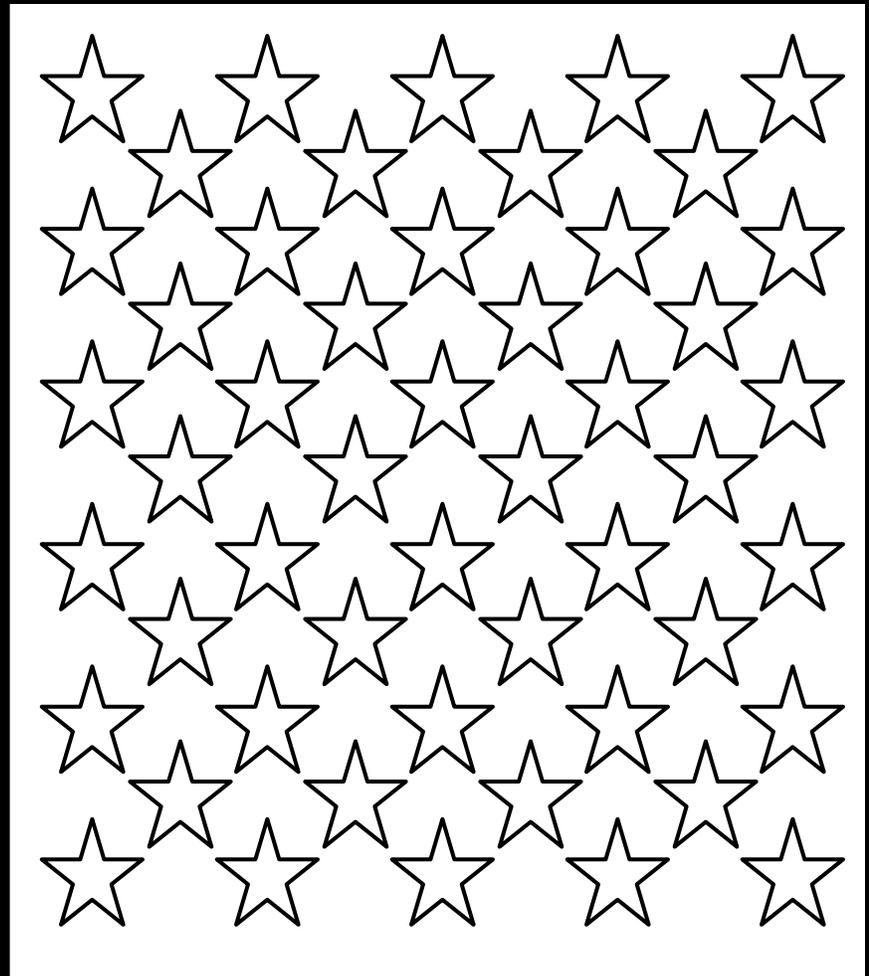
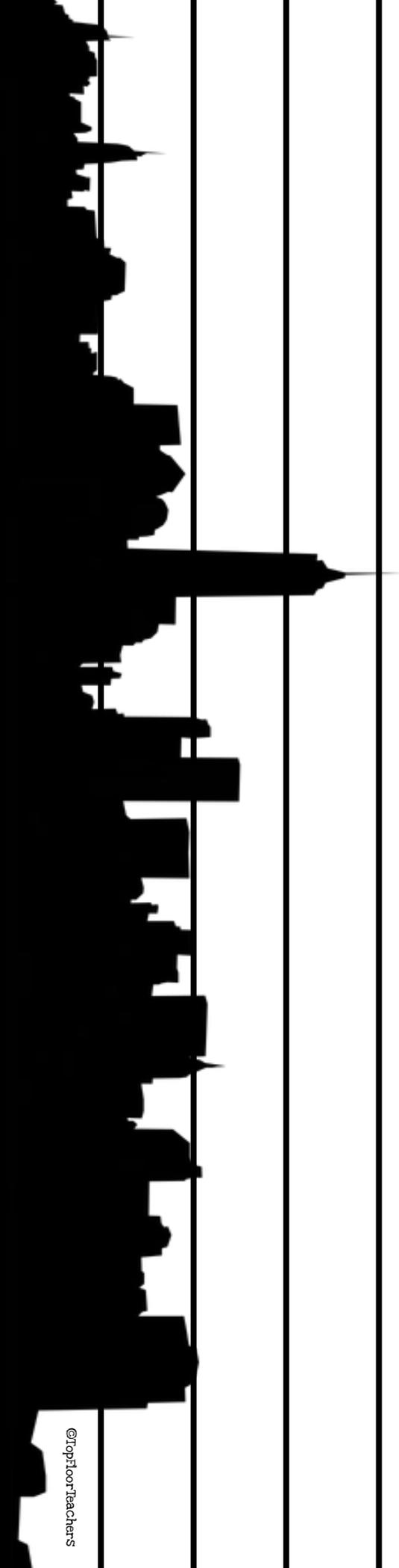


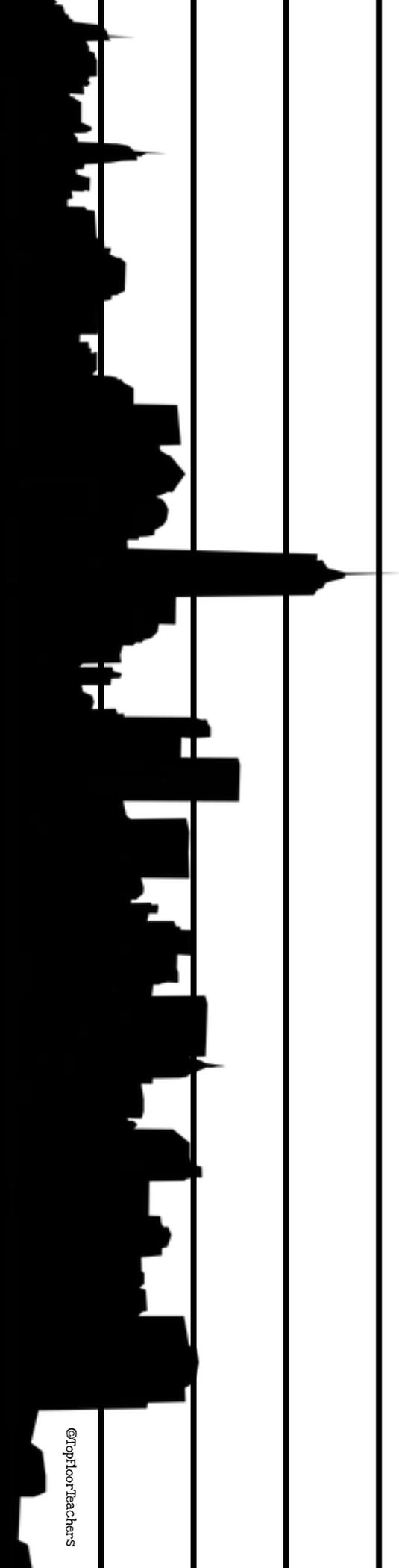
## SEPTEMBER 11 MEMORIAL

A first responder is someone who is responsible for going immediately to the scene of an accident or emergency to provide help. Many first responders lost their lives on September 11, 2001. We honor their lives and give thanks to all first responders on Patriot Day.



# FIRST RESPONDERS





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