



Reflection Activity

September 11, 2001 truly was a day that changed the world. What were you doing that day? Who were you with? How did you feel?

Or if you weren't born yet on that day, what do you feel about it now, 20 years later?

Share your thoughts in the journal provided by the library. It will be saved in the local history room for generations to come.

You may share your name if you wish, but it is not required.



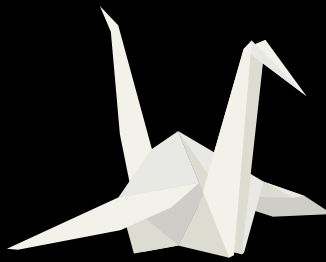
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Paper Crane Activity

How can we come together and show support for each other during difficult times? Create a paper crane that represents both long life and healing and reminds us of the importance of community during an emergency.

Inspiration

In Japanese culture, cranes are mystical animals that symbolize long life and healing. There is a legend that if you fold a thousand paper cranes, you will be granted a wish or recover from an injury. Chains of colorful paper cranes were a familiar sight across Manhattan in the aftermath of 9/11. Shortly after the attacks, a replica of the Statue of Liberty appeared outside a firehouse in midtown Manhattan. It was soon covered from torch to toe with tributes, including paper cranes, uniform patches, flags, notes, souvenirs, and other mementos from passersby. This statue continues to remind us of the community of people that came together after the attacks to spread hope and healing.

Materials

- Paper
- Scissors
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Instructions

- Find a piece of paper—it can be plain, patterned, colorful—whatever you have at home works!
- If necessary, use scissors to cut your paper into a square.
- Download and follow the instructions to fold your origami crane.
- Invite someone in your home to fold a crane with you to make a chain like the one on Lady Liberty.
- Take a photo of your crane and post the picture to social media using the hashtag #911MuseumEd.
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Share Your Creation with Us

- Share a photo of your work on social media by following us on Facebook, Instagram, and Twitter
- Tag us on Instagram or Facebook @911Memorial or on Twitter @Sept11Memorial and use #911MuseumEd