

Terrorism Wrap-Up Assignment

Directions: Answer the following questions on a separate piece of paper or email your digital answers to Mrs. Fine at afine@bhusd.org. Your answers must be in paragraph form, at least 5 complete sentences per question. Make sure that you reference specific facts from the documents and other sources. Do not be vague in your support!

Worth 60 Points!

1. After viewing the videos *100 Years of Terror* and *9/11*, plus reading section 20.4, how do you believe the US government can best act against terrorism? What actions did the US government take that were effective and how? Which actions were not so effective and why?
2. Now, read the highlights of the US Patriot Act of 2001 at <http://www.justice.gov/archive/ll/highlights.htm>. (You can view the entire 300 page document at <http://epic.org/privacy/terrorism/hr3162.html>). Did the US Patriot Act effectively aid the government's "War on Terror?" Which parts of the document specifically and how?
3. There has been a lot of controversy about the constitutionality of the US Patriot Act and the issue of its infringement on US citizens' freedoms and rights. Do you believe that this document infringes on any parts of the US Constitution and/or US citizens' rights and freedoms? Which ones and how? If there is no infringement, why would groups like the ACLU believe that there are infringements?
4. Many international groups, even the UN, have stated that the US Patriot Act allows for human rights violations to be justified. Comparing and contrasting the UN Declaration of Human Rights (at www.historyadventure.com → World History → Global Era → Terrorism Wrap-Up Assignment) with the US Patriot Act, do you believe that the US is violating human rights, according to the UN Declaration? Which human rights and how? What actions would these groups be referring to?
5. Do you believe that with the revisions to the US Patriot Act in 2011 at <https://www.govtrack.us/congress/bills/112/hr1805#summary/libraryofcongress> our country and citizens will be more secure? Ultimately, what is more important to you as an US citizen – security or personal freedoms and rights?
6. After all of this discussion of terrorism being a huge threat to the US and humanity, do you believe it is the biggest threat that mankind currently faces? Why? If not, what is the biggest threat? Why?