

9/11 Classroom Lesson Plan Tips

EDUCATE

Plan and notify ahead of time: Let students know about a future 9/11 lesson plan so that families can also prepare for the discussion at home.

Use accurate sources: Only use media and facts from reputable mainstream sources. Avoid social media and Wikipedia as source material.

Avoid inflammatory content: Check your textbooks and avoid/correct any material that may be offensive, bigoted, or racist towards Muslims.

REMEMBER

Stop bullying immediately: If you see a student harassing another in or outside the classroom, address it promptly.

Don't single out Muslim students: Avoid asking students for their perspective on 9/11, especially if they are Muslim or a minority.

Stop offensive language: Don't validate claims of attackers that incorrectly use Islam as a pretext. Avoid using inaccurate and inflammatory terms.

REFLECT

Talk about discrimination against Muslims: Provide reminders of the negative effects of discrimination and showcase how to take a proactive role in stopping it.

Discuss post-9/11 ramifications: Include topics on wars (e.g. Afghanistan and Iraq Wars), policies (e.g. The PATRIOT Act), as well as discrimination (e.g. increased attacks on Muslims).

Highlight Muslim condemnation: Showcase clear responses condemning the attacks by mainstream American-Muslims and Muslim leaders.



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