



# Trainers Times

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## America Responds to Terrorism

Ordinarily, the Constitutional Rights Foundation disseminates on a semi-annual basis Trainers Times to support LRE trainers across the country. The attacks of September 11, however, and the subsequent events that now envelop the world, are by no means ordinary.

To help students and teachers deal with the crucial issues raised by these events, CRF has prepared a special web site. “**America Responds to Terrorism**” offers an extensive series of online lessons and resources designed to help teachers and their students explore and analyze critical national and international issues raised by the attacks of September 11.

These materials, which are being constantly updated, fall under these categories:

- **Reactions to Tragedy.** Suggestions for teachers on how to deal with traumatic events and how to handle controversy in the classroom.
- **Information and Disinformation.** Lessons on the media, rumors, and urban legends.
- **Civil Liberties in Wartime.** Lessons related to civil liberty issues from American history as well as contemporary issues.
- **Separation of Church and State.** Lessons on this important doctrine.
- **Islamic Issues.** Lessons on Islamic law, freedom of expression, and other issues related to Islam.

- **International Law and Organizations.** Lessons on international law, the United Nations, NATO, and other international organizations.
- **Terrorism Links.** A comprehensive set of links to lessons, media sources, government sources, and other information relevant to the current conflict and its history.

Enclosed is a sample lesson from the web site as well as a lesson prediction/reflection instrument. CRF is deeply interested in how teachers and students are addressing the issues raised by these events. If you would like to share what happened in your classroom, please send your reflection to:

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CRF also will use these materials developed in response to September 11 as common ground for its professional development institute in January 2002. For more information about the institute, contact Carolyn Pereira at CRFC [800/801-9933x204].