

LESSON E-UVI-L1

Artifacts in St. Paul's Chapel

Unit VI: Remembrance and the Creation of Memory

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Interdisciplinary Connections

History, literacy, art

Objectives

- Study images of real artifacts and explore what these artifacts tell us.
- Explain how the artifacts capture a memory.

Key Terms

- archive
- artifact

Lesson Materials

- Access to St. Paul’s Artifact Archive (found at <http://www.trinitywallstreet.org/files/congregation/stpaul/exhibit/ARCHIVE/index.php?ranger=1&id=5>)
- If students cannot view the St. Paul’s Artifact Archive online, provide printed images from the artifact archive (enough images for each student in the class to have one). If the images cannot be printed, connect a television or projector to the computer to display the images.

Lesson Plan

- Have each student select an image from the St. Paul’s Artifact Archive.
- Ask the students to respond to these questions as they study the image. (They can talk to each other in the classroom about their reactions.)
 - What do you see? Describe it.
 - What does this image tell us?
 - Does this artifact help us remember something or someone?
 - Why do you think this artifact was used to honor or remember 9/11?
 - How do you feel when you look at this image?
- Then have the students share their images and reactions in small groups.

Evidence of Understanding

Ask the students to name two images they remember clearly from the day’s lesson. Ask, “What do these images help you remember?”

Additional Activities and Resources

Do a web search to discover other online exhibits and museums containing artifacts of the tragedies of September 11, 2001 that occurred in New York City, the Pentagon, and the airplane crash site in the field in Shanksville, PA. Share and discuss the artifacts with the students.

Taking Action and Giving Service

- Go to the Hugs Across America web site (<http://www.hugsacrossamerica.net>) and learn how to help give teddy bears to children all over the world.
- Go to Kids Korner on the Hugs Across America web site for activities or to order the book, *T. Bear's Tale: Hugs Across America*, to read in class and at home (found at <http://www.hugsacrossamerica.net/>).
- Bring the play, *September Bears*, to your school (found at http://home.nwciowa.edu/barkerplays/one_act.htm).