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Read the Passage

Heroes Who Helped Others

On September 11, 2001, many people showed incredible courage. As soon as the attacks happened, firefighters, police officers, paramedics, doctors, nurses, and other first responders rushed to help. They worked together to rescue people, care for the injured, and keep others safe.

Firefighters climbed many flights of stairs to reach people trapped inside the Twin Towers. Police officers helped guide people away from danger and kept streets clear so emergency vehicles could get through. Paramedics treated injured people, while doctors and nurses worked long hours at hospitals to care for patients.

Many ordinary citizens also became heroes that day. Some donated blood to help injured people. Others volunteered at shelters, served meals, or gave water and supplies to rescue workers. Neighbors opened their homes to people who needed a safe place to stay. The passengers aboard Flight 93 also showed great bravery. They worked together to stop the hijackers, and the airplane crashed in a field near Shanksville, Pennsylvania, instead of reaching its intended target. Their actions are remembered as an example of courage and selflessness.

The heroes of September 11 remind us that helping others is one of the greatest acts of kindness. They teach us that courage is not about being fearless—it is about doing the right thing, even when something is difficult.

Today, communities continue to honor these heroes by remembering their service and by helping others whenever they can.

Vocabulary

Word	Meaning
Hero	A person who helps others through brave actions
First Responder	A trained person who arrives first during an emergency
Rescue	To save someone from danger
Volunteer	A person who helps without being paid
Selflessness	Caring more about helping others than yourself
Bravery	Acting with courage during a difficult situation

Multiple Choice

1. Who were the first responders?

- A. Firefighters, police officers, and paramedics
- B. Actors and singers
- C. Teachers and librarians
- D. Pilots and flight attendants

2. How did doctors and nurses help?

- A. They built new buildings.
- B. They cared for injured people.
- C. They flew airplanes.
- D. They painted memorials.

3. What did many volunteers donate?

- A. Toys only
- B. Food, water, and blood
- C. Cars
- D. Books

4. Where did Flight 93 crash?

- A. Florida
- B. California
- C. Pennsylvania
- D. Texas

5. What is the main idea of this passage?

- A. Heroes help others during difficult times.
- B. Airplanes are fast.
- C. Hospitals are large buildings.
- D. Every job is the same.

True or False

Write **T** for True or **F** for False.

_____ 1. Firefighters helped rescue people.

_____ 2. Doctors cared for injured people.

_____ 3. Volunteers did not help anyone.

_____ 4. Flight 93 crashed in Pennsylvania.

_____ 5. Courage means helping others even when it is difficult.

Fill in the Blanks

Word Bank

hero • volunteer • rescue • bravery • first responders

1. Firefighters and police officers are called

_____.

2. A _____ is someone who helps others without being paid.

3. Many people worked together to _____ those in danger.

4. A _____ is someone who shows courage by helping others.

5. _____ means doing the right thing even when you are afraid.

Match the Columns

Column A

1. Firefighter

2. Police Officer

3. Doctor

4. Volunteer

5. Paramedic

Column B

A. Cares for patients

B. Helps rescue people from fires

C. Keeps people safe

D. Gives time to help others

E. Gives emergency medical care

Reading Comprehension

1. Name three groups of people who helped after the attacks.

2. How did volunteers help their communities?

3. Why are first responders called heroes?

4. What can we learn from the passengers on Flight 93?

Think and Reflect

Imagine there is a new student at your school who feels nervous.

How could you be a hero by helping that student?

Challenge Activity

Write **5-7 sentences** about a hero in your own community.

You may choose:

- a firefighter
- a police officer
- a doctor
- a nurse
- a teacher
- a family member

Explain how this person helps others and why you admire them.

Writing Prompt

Circle the words that describe a hero.

kind • brave • helpful • selfish • caring • honest •
fearful • responsible • respectful

Draw and Color

Draw a picture of a community helper helping people during an emergency.

Answer Key

Multiple Choice

- 1.A
- 2.B
- 3.B
- 4.C
- 5.A

True or False

- 1.True
- 2.True
- 3.False
- 4.True
- 5.True

Fill in the Blanks

- 1.first responders
- 2.volunteer
- 3.rescue
- 4.hero
- 5.bravery

Match the Columns

- 1 → B
- 2 → C
- 3 → A
- 4 → D
- 5 → E