

Overview

Students will read and analyze primary sources on counterterrorism policy before and after 9/11 using a graphic organizer.

Length

One class period

Materials

- Bill Clinton, "[Address to the Nation](#)," August 20, 1998
- George W. Bush, [State of the Union address](#), September 20, 2001
- [U.S. Counterterrorism Since 1945](#) (World101)
- Handout (below)

Instructional Plan

1. Have students preview the handout, noticing the questions.
2. Have students read the documents, annotating where they address the questions from the handout.
3. Have students fill out the handout and share their answers with a neighbor or the whole class.
4. Optionally, have students view the counterterrorism timeline and identify where the primary sources fit in. Do they reflect the trends the timeline identifies?

Analyze Counterterrorism Policy

Take notes on the documents, then compare with the [U.S. Counterterrorism Since 1945](#).

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Actions Taken by Terrorists		
Actions Taken by U.S. Government		
Policy Priorities		
Tone of President		