Overview
After reviewing materials from World101, students will write an op-ed about the threat of terrorism to the United States.

Length
One class period

Materials
- What Is Terrorism? (World101)
- Terrorism by the Numbers (World101)
- Who Counts as a Terrorist? (World101)
- U.S. Counterterrorism Since 1945 (World101)
- Tools of Counterterrorism (World101)

Instructional Plan
1. Review several op-eds from a local or national newspaper and identify together what characteristics make for an effective op-ed.
2. Have students compose op-eds on their own. They might make an argument for what they think is the greatest terrorism threat to the United States, analyze the threat posed by a particular terrorist group or a particular type of group or ideology, or they could analyze a particular counterterrorism strategy they think should be employed.