

CLASSROOM DISCUSSION AND DEBATE

THE PATH TO 9/11, PART 2

After watching the events depicted in Part 2 of *The Path to 9/11*, answer the following questions.

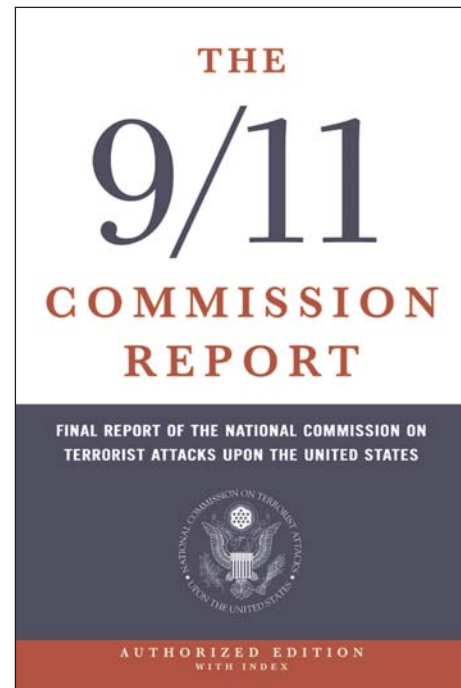
Critical-thinking Questions

1. What happened at the initial meeting between FBI counterterrorism expert, John O'Neill, and the U.S. Ambassador in Yemen? Why was the ambassador unwilling to help O'Neill and his team?
2. What other political events in the news received attention regarding counterterrorism during the Clinton and Bush administrations?
3. Why didn't the United States provide assistance to General Massoud of the Northern Alliance to fight the Taliban? Why did U.S. officials ignore General Massoud's warnings that bin Laden might strike?
4. What is the purpose of *The 9/11 Commission Report*?
5. What are your reactions to the 9/11 Commission's Report Card postscript at the end of the miniseries?

Debate It

Choose a side and debate as a class or in small groups.

1. *The 9/11 Commission Report* affords us hindsight. Knowing what we know now, do you think the attacks on 9/11 could have been prevented? Back up your argument with examples from the miniseries or *The 9/11 Commission Report*.
2. Does the media help or hinder our national security?
3. Is it possible to win the war on terror?



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