

Activity

Primary Source Analysis – Counterterrorism Policy

Learning Objectives

Students will analyze and present on how counterterrorism has evolved under various presidential administrations.

Length

20 Minutes

Materials

[The History of Terrorism and U.S. Counterterrorism Since 1945](#)



[Tools of Counterterrorism](#)



[Primary Source Analysis - Counterterrorism Policy](#)



[Bill Clinton, "Address to the Nation," August 20, 1998](#)



[George W. Bush, State of the Union Address, September 20, 2001](#)



Instructional Plan

Primary Source Analysis: Students will read and analyze primary sources on counterterrorism policy before and after 9/11 using the graphic organizer.

Sources:

- Bill Clinton, "[Address to the Nation](#)," August 20, 1998
- George W. Bush, [State of the Union address](#), September 20, 2001

Complete Graphic Organizer:

1. Have students preview the graphic organizer, noticing the questions.
2. Have students read the documents, annotating where they address the questions from the graphic organizer.
3. Have students fill out the graphic organizer and share their answers with a neighbor or the whole class.