Heroes of 9/11

"The attacks of September 11th were intended to break our spirit. Instead we have emerged stronger and more unified. We feel renewed devotion to the principles of political, economic, and religious freedom, the rule of law and respect for human life. We are more determined than ever to live our lives in freedom." –Rudolph Guiliani, former mayor of NYC

Complete the following assignments that correspond to our class reading of Ten True Tales: Heroes of 9/11, by Allan Zullo. **All are due Friday, September 14 by 2:35 pm.**

With your partner(s):

- read and discuss your assigned chapter of the book,
- (20 pts) write a one-page summary of your chapter,
- (20 pts) plan and deliver a 2-4 minute presentation to the class, using at least one visual aid. (Be prepared to present on Thursday, September 13th.) Out of respect for the victims of this horrific tragedy, please do not use any gruesome pictures of the deceased.

On your own:

- (30 pts) Conduct an interview with a parent, teacher, or other adult using the questions below as a guide. Then write a narrative account (1-2 pages) of your interviewee’s experiences.
  - What were you doing on September 11, 2001? How did you find out about the attacks? Describe what you remember about that day in as much detail as you can.
  - How did you react when you found out about what happened? What were your first emotions? What were your first fears? Did your daily routine change in the days following the attacks?
  - Did the attacks mark a turning point in your life? If so, explain.
- (30 pts) **Choose one (1) of the following to complete:**
  - Find a newspaper article about one of the rescue efforts described in Ten True Tales: Heroes of 911. (Check Moodle or my blog for a list of the rescuers.) Compare and contrast the newspaper story with the account in the book. Did the authors choose to include different details? Do the accounts have the same focus?
  - Write a letter of gratitude to local police or fire personnel or to a member of the military. Hand in the one page letter along with a stamped envelope addressed to the person you chose to write to. (We will be mailing the letters, so please be sure your final draft has correct spelling, punctuation, and grammar.)

"Even the smallest act of service, the simplest act of kindness, is a way to honor those we lost, a way to reclaim that spirit of unity that followed 9/11." -President Obama