Possible Topics for 9/11 Argumentative Essay

This essay must be an ARGUMENT… in other words, you need to ponder a topic, then decide on a CLAIM you are going to make about the topic. You aren’t simply exploring the topic, or giving a thorough history of it; you are making a point about it.

This should be 3-5 pp., or about the length of a good op-ed piece in a newspaper. Longer than a letter to the editor, shorter than a research paper.

• Homeland Security
• Al Qaeda links to Iraq
• The war in Afghanistan today
• Iraq as a response to 9/11
• Arming pilots in the cockpit
• The USA Patriot Act
• 9/11 as Patriot’s Day, a national holiday
• The Morgantown 9/11 memorial on the waterfront
• The reconstruction/memorial plans for the WTC site
• The reconstruction/memorial plans for the Pentagon site
• 9/11 Victim’s Fund controversies
• An argumentative approach to “how the world has changed since 9/11"
• WVU disaster preparedness; WVU’s response to 9/11
• How best to remember the victims
• Media coverage of 9/11 memorials
• 9/11 in our national consciousness
• 9/11 – the shopping experience
• The use of the flag in national discourse since 9/11
• The role of the United Nations in the fight against terror