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## **“Give a Hand to Our Heroes”**

Grades K-5

**Objective:** The student will create a mural that expresses their feelings and patriotism to honor the memory of those who gave their lives on September 11, 2001.

This lesson plan partially satisfies GPS standard SS5H9(a).  
(For teachers outside the state of Georgia, check your local or state education curriculum to see what requirements this lesson plan may satisfy.)

### **Materials:**

- Red, white, and blue construction paper
- Scissors
- Markers
- Glue
- Bulletin board
- Stapler

### **Procedure:**

1. Ask students what they remember about September 11<sup>th</sup>, 2001.
2. List student responses on board, if desired.
3. Briefly discuss events that took place and the impact Sept. 11<sup>th</sup> had on Americans.
4. Ask students to describe a hero and to list what characteristics a hero possesses.
5. Have students trace their hands onto red, white, or blue construction paper.
6. Carefully cut handprints out.
7. On each handprint, each student should write a one-word characteristic of a hero.
8. Students should trace their word with a marker, so it will show up.
9. Students may keep tracing their hands until they run out of adjectives to use.
10. Once all handprints are completed, put handprints together to create a mural titled, “Give a Hand to Our Heroes”.
11. The mural may be constructed in the shape of an American flag, or a wreath, or the word, “HERO”, etc.

### **Assessment:**

Evaluate students on the adjectives written on their handprints.

