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Bravery Beyond Fear

Directions: Read the passage carefully. Then answer the questions that follow using complete sentences and details from the text.

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When disaster strikes, first responders are the first to rush toward danger while others seek safety. On Patriot Day, we honor the courage of firefighters, police officers, paramedics, and everyday heroes who acted without hesitation. These brave individuals faced smoke, falling debris, and uncertainty, yet they worked together to save lives. Their strength reminds us that real courage is not the absence of fear, but the choice to act in spite of it.

Many first responders trained for years, but no training could fully prepare them for the challenges they faced that tragic day. Still, they relied on teamwork, quick thinking, and compassion to guide them. Some carried injured people to safety, while others stayed behind to help even more. Their actions continue to inspire new generations to serve their communities with the same selfless dedication.

Comprehension Questions

1. What is the main idea of the passage?
2. Who are considered first responders according to the text?
3. How did the first responders show courage on that tragic day?
4. Why does the author say that courage is not the absence of fear?
5. What are two qualities of first responders mentioned in the passage?
6. How do the actions of first responders continue to inspire people today?
7. What does the author mean by "selfless dedication"?
8. Write one lesson you can learn from the story of the first responders.