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Learning about Special Registration



Read the article about Special Registration. Count the syllables in the underlined words from the article.

Special Registration: Background

September 11, 2001 was a tragic day for the United States. Terrorists hijacked four passenger planes. They crashed two of the planes into the giant World Trade Center towers in New York City. A third plane was crashed into the Pentagon, America's defense center. A fourth plane came down before it could hit its target in Washington, DC.

In all, close to 3,000 people were killed. Most were workers at their jobs in the World Trade Center when the hijacked planes hit. Damage to buildings and businesses totaled \$10 billion.

The 19 hijackers were part of the terrorist group, al Qaeda. All were young Muslim men. Their home countries were Saudi Arabia, Egypt, United Arab Emirates, and Lebanon.

Americans were shocked to learn that the terrorists had entered the U.S. legally before the attacks. Some of them even attended flight school in the U.S. to learn how to fly big planes.

Worried that more terrorists might be in the U.S. and planning new attacks, the government started Special Registration. The program began in 2002, and ended in 2011.



Label the vowels in the words below. The vowels are A, E, I, O, U and sometimes, Y.

Then count the syllables in each word. Write the number of syllables after the word.

The first one has been done for you.

September ^v ^v ^v 3

passenger _____

Lebanon _____

tragic _____

Pentagon _____

attended _____

united _____

Washington _____

program _____

terrorists _____

hijackers _____

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Quick facts about Special Registration	
WHO	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • males age 16 and over • not U.S. citizens or permanent residents • from 25 countries in Asia and North Africa where al Qaeda was believed to operate
WHAT	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • required by law to report to immigration offices and register • questioned, fingerprinted, photographed • immigration papers were double-checked
OUTCOME	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • over 80,000 men in the U.S. had to register • over 13,000 were ordered to be deported because their immigration papers were not in order • deportation meant immigrants had to leave the U.S. • newspapers reported that only a handful of men were found to have ties to terrorist groups
CONCERNS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • possible racial bias—countries included were all in Asia or Africa • possible religious bias—almost all countries on the “report” list were Muslim • high cost of program • most who were deported had minor problems with their papers but were not criminals or terrorists • deportations of fathers, uncles, grandfathers, and brothers affected Muslim families in U.S.

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Summarize what you have learned.



WHO did Special Registration affect?

HAD TO DO WHAT

WHEN

WHY

What's one question you have about Special Registration?


