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Terrorism: Suicide Bombings

The threat of terrorism is a daily challenge for the world we live in today. This week will mark the 7th anniversary of the 9/11 terrorist attacks.

After a terrorist attack citizens are left to deal with real life images of devastation, grief and death. However, many people often find themselves asking; why did it happen? What were the suicide bombers hoping to achieve?

[Suicide Bombers: A Psychological Investigation](#) explains how a group of ordinary citizens can become suicide bombers. The program also attempts to convey what went through their minds before the bombs went off.

The [Terrorism \(Theme Pack - Secondary/Tertiary\)](#) will help your students understand Australia's response to the threat of terrorism, while providing insights into the mind of a suicide bomber.

Often suicide bombers capture their training exercises through video recording devices. [Hot Docs: Diameter Of The Bomb](#) is a film that investigates the Palestinian suicide bombings. The film highlights how extreme acts of individuals and governments are justified on the basis of flimsiest evidence.

[The Cult Of The Suicide Bomber: Ep 1 Of 2](#) and [The Cult Of The Suicide Bomber: Ep 2 Of 2](#) will assist in detailing the history of suicide bombers. There are also interviews with survivors of the attacks.

Popular tourist destinations are usually targets for would be attacks. [Zero Hour](#) examines the Bali bombings in 2002. Islamic militant suicide bombers detonated bombs inside two of the area's most popular nightclubs. The terrorist attack has been documented as the most devastating in Asian history.

Terrorist networks usually recruit members who are still young boys. [Dateline: Who's Afraid of Wei Jingsheng?/Afghanistan's Suicide Boys](#) tells the story of a teenager who was groomed for a suicide mission by the Taliban.

EnhanceTV has a free feature article available: [Discussing terrorism in the classroom](#) which will help students deconstruct the narrow image of terrorists and assist in understanding modern terrorism.

For more resources on terrorism, please visit our [Terrorism theme page](#).

