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Dear Parent or Guardian,

This week, our American Government class will be viewing a documentary film called On Native Soil. This film provides an in-depth study of the creation and findings of the 9/11 Commission and addresses the responsibilities, successes and failures of all levels of government surrounding the tragic events of September 11th, 2001. Made in 2005, the film examines how terrorist events of the 1990s foreshadowed 9/11 and the ways in which government responded to those events. Moreover, the film looks at the structure of government bureaucracy and describes the recommended changes of the 9/11 Commission. Perhaps most poignantly, it presents the civic actions that some of the families of victims of 9/11 took to force the government to investigate its own systems and make recommendations for change.

I have chosen to present this film to American Government students with a study guide and class discussion as a culminating lesson. Not only does this film address the powers and responsibilities of Congress, the Executive Branch, state, and local government, it is also concerned with domestic and foreign policy issues, and the impact that citizens can have on their government. In short, much of the curriculum we have covered during the course of the semester is synthesized in this film.

I realize that for some families, even here in Colorado, 9/11 hit very close to home. For that reason, I want to offer any students who would not be comfortable viewing these events in class the option to complete an alternative assignment, with parent approval. Please sign below if this is your wish.

Sincerely,

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Please provide my son/daughter with an alternative assignment

Name

Date

Student's Name