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### Kenton Chan's Creator/Artist Statement

In this Unit 3, Multimodal project, I decided to write a letter to my grandparents to explain to them the importance of knowing/learning about the health effects of September 11 and how it has impacted the lives of many people. I chose my grandparents as the audience for my Unit 3 project because my friend's grandfather recently had to go into the hospital because he was diagnosed with pneumonia that was due to the aftereffects of 9/11.

As my grandparents are getting older and older, more of their health problems start to arise. I am scared that whatever happened to my friend's grandfather does not happen to my grandparents although this is one of those health problems that are hard to avoid.

In addition to informing my grandparents about the health issues I wanted them to be able to educate their friends about what has been ongoing for the past two decades even if September 11 is sometimes seen as a thing of the past for most people. At first, I really did not know what I was going to write about since I was really overthinking and had a really hard time trying to find a topic that was interesting to me.

I decided to stumble upon writing about this topic because growing up I feel that as the years go by there has been less and less talk about September 11 and I usually do not get reminded about it. Until each year when it is the day of September 11 when I see the two blue lights shooting up in Manhattan when I take the train back home.

Another reason as to why I decided to do this unit on the health effects of September 11 is because usually the week leading up to September 11, I would get advertisements when I am watching something on my phone that says if you or a loved one lives closeby to the twin towers during September 11, 2001 to you entitled to settle around \$20,000.

But instead of being an advertisement that people just hear on the radio, TV, or online. I wanted to transform this into something that would help to get the most information possible out to others to understand that this is still a big issue that the public needs to understand and that the government should know about. More importantly, elderly people should be the ones who need to know this information the most because they continue to get older as the years go by, and along with that their health conditions also continue to get worse. Furthermore, many elderly people are not able to access technology and modern news a lot of the time because they do not know how to use smart devices. Lastly, many elderly people only live through their lives on a monthly basis of retirement money they get from the government which is not a lot. So if they end up getting sick or develop issues that are related to September 11, it is good information for them to know that there is help for them and that they can sign up for the WTC Health Registry.