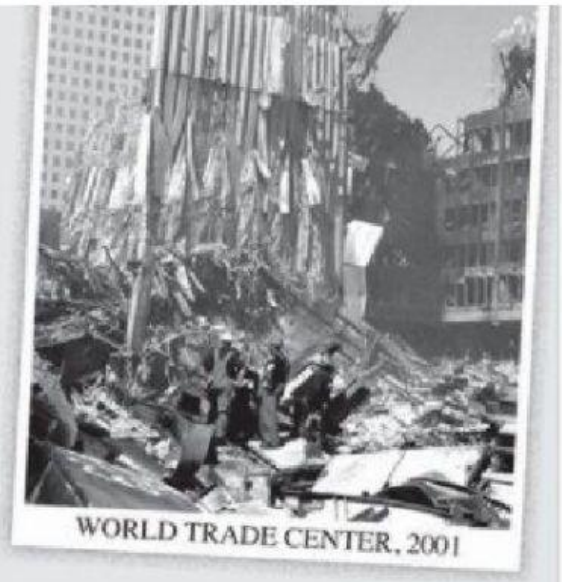
UNSEEN – READ THE TEXT AND ANSWER THE QUESTIONS

Meet Jason Thomas


WORLD TRADE CENTER, 2001

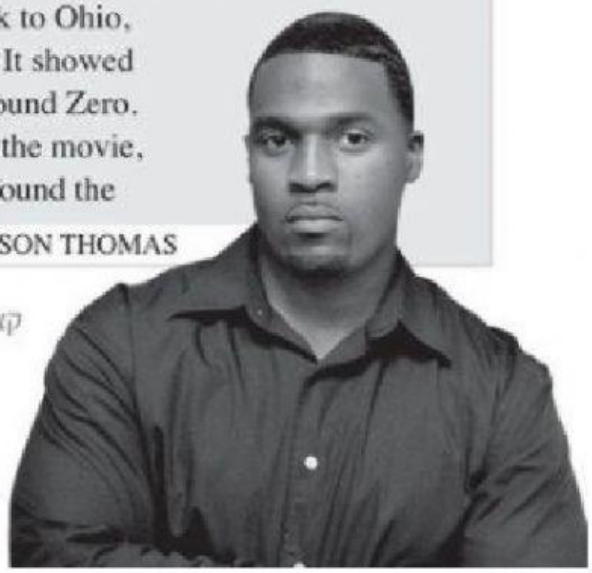
On the morning of September 11, 2001, two planes crashed into the Twin Towers of the World Trade Center in New York City. When Jason Thomas heard the news of the terrorist attack, he immediately drove into the city. He arrived just after the second building fell. Most people were running away, but Thomas, a former marine officer*, ran towards the buildings. He knew this was an emergency situation. He later said: "Someone needed help. It didn't matter who. I didn't even have a plan. But I have all this training* as a marine and all I could think was, 'My city is in need.'"

Thomas offered his help. He fought fires and he helped survivors in any way he could. After hours of work, Thomas met another former marine, Dave Karnes. They made a plan to look for people who might still be alive and to try to rescue them. Other soldiers told them that their plan was too dangerous and refused to help. Thomas and Karnes made a decision to go by themselves.

The two of them climbed the mountain of the fallen buildings with only flashlights and a shovel, shouting out, "Is anyone down there? United States Marines!" Time passed, but finally they heard a reply. They went into a deep hole and found two police officers, hurt but alive. It was a miracle.

Thomas returned to Ground Zero* every day for over two weeks to help out. He never gave his full name, only Sergeant* Thomas, and he never told his wife and children about the rescue.

Five years later, Thomas, who had moved from New York to Ohio, saw an ad on TV for a movie called *World Trade Center*. It showed two marines with flashlights, looking for survivors at Ground Zero. The filmmakers, unable to find Thomas when they made the movie, were very happy when he called them. They had finally found the man behind the scenes!


JASON THOMAS

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1 Circle the correct answer. *(1 x 4 = 4 points)*

On the morning of September 11, 2001, Jason Thomas went to Manhattan because he … .

a. was a marine b. wanted to help c. worked there

2 Write T (true) or F (false). Then copy the words from the article that helped you answer. *(5 x 3 = 15 points)*

..... a. Thomas was trying to rescue a friend.

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..... b. People didn't want to help Thomas and Karnes because it wasn't safe.

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..... c. Thomas and Karnes found the policemen because they heard them.

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..... d. Thomas wanted to get all the credit for the rescue.

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..... e. Thomas helped the filmmakers make the movie.

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3 Remember Problem Solving?

Complete the chart with the sentences below to show what Thomas and Karnes did when there was a problem. *(3 x 5 = 15 points)*

- Thomas and Karnes called out, "Is anyone down there?"
- Thomas and Karnes made a plan to find and rescue them.
- Thomas and Karnes decided to do it on their own.

Problem	Solution
1. There could be people under the buildings. →	
2. People refused to help them. →	
3. They couldn't see anyone. →	

4 Complete the sentences according to the article. *(3 x 4 = 12 points)*

a. It was a miracle that ..... .

b. Thomas found out about the movie when ..... .

c. The filmmakers were happy because they ..... .

5 Why do you think Thomas didn't tell anyone about the rescue? *(1 x 4 = 4 points)*

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Vocabulary UNIT 1

1 Circle the correct answers. *(10 x 1 = 10 points)*

1. It's time to **turn on** / **turn down** / **turn off** the lights and go to sleep.
2. Her question surprised me. I didn't know what to **refuse** / **reply** / **rescue**.
3. It was a miracle! All of the **emergencies** / **stunts** / **passengers** survived the crash!
4. If you want to be an **athlete** / **instruction** / **option**, you have to practice a lot.
5. **Coaches** / **Tour guides** / **Stuntmen** have to know a lot about the places they take people to.
6. The pilot was **unable** / **alive** / **responsible** to land the plane because of the bad weather.
7. I said "Hi" to that man because I thought he looked **unbelievable** / **familiar** / **freezing cold**.
8. When you go on your trip, send me emails so we won't **lose contact** / **turn back** / **take off**.
9. I don't understand why Dan **made a decision** / **got shot** / **got all the credit** for doing the project. I helped too!
10. His teachers told him that he had the **runway** / **success** / **ability** to be a great doctor one day.

2 Complete the sentences with the words and expressions below. *(8 x 1 = 8 points)*

develop	especially	instruct	in shape	unlikely
perform	freezing cold	remain calm	include	moment

1. Take your coat and hat when you go out. It's ..... outside!
2. In an emergency, it's important to ..... and think clearly.
3. I take a walk every day to stay ..... .
4. He loves to eat. He ..... loves pizza.
5. The plane is going to land at any ..... .
6. Does the price ..... everything?
7. Many scientists are trying to ..... new ways to cure cancer.
8. The other team hasn't lost a game all year. It is very ..... that our team will win this game.

3 Write two sentences with the words below. *(2 x 1 = 2 points)*

choice inform offer recognize get ready survive

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