## **Fundamentalism and Terrorism Anti-Terrorism Campaign**

Responsibilities:



STUDENT ACTIVITY: Border and Transportation Security

## The United States Department of Homeland Security, Division of Border and Transportation Security

Write your group's description of the roles and responsibilities of this division, and then answer the questions that follow. Use additional paper if necessary.
Roles:

According to the United States Department of Homeland Security Web site, (<a href="http://www.whitehouse.gov/deptofhomeland/">http://www.whitehouse.gov/deptofhomeland/</a>), the Division of Border and Transportation Security would be responsible for securing our nation's borders and transportation systems, would manage who and what enters our homeland, and work to prevent the entry of terrorists and the instruments of terrorism while ensuring the speedy flow of legitimate traffic.

The United States shares 5,525 miles of border with Canada and 1,989 miles with Mexico. Our maritime border includes 95,000 miles of shoreline and a 3.4 million square mile exclusive economic zone. Each year, more than 500 million people cross the borders into the United States, some 330 million of whom are non-citizens.

1. In what ways should this division work to prevent the entry of terrorists and the instruments of terrorism while simultaneously ensuring the speedy flow of legitimate traffic? What are the challenges or difficulties assumed in this work?

2.	How does the current visa system work? In what ways should this system be changed so that visitors are identifiable by information that is gathered and put into a national database during the visa application process?
3.	What would be the responsibilities of a new transportation security administration?
4.	What are the current responsibilities of the United States Coast Guard? In what ways should these responsibilities be changed?
5.	In what ways is it difficult to make certain that America continues to welcome visitors and those who seek opportunity within our shores while excluding terrorists and their supporters?