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SEPTEMBER 11 URBAN LEGENDS ASSIGNMENT

AN URBAN LEGEND:

- Circulates in the folk level of culture (“friend of a friend”)
- Has local variation
- Is modern (hence the “urban”)
- Questionable veracity
 - they do contain “truth” – just not in the way most people think

INSTRUCTIONS:

- Visit www.snopes.com
- In the columns on the left side, click on September 11th.
- Answer the following questions:

What legends stand out to you? Do you tend to read more of the true, the false, or the others? Why do you think that is?

Search for legends you’ve read before. Did you believe them? Are they true? Why did they seem true/false?

Many of the legends serve as warnings for impending terrorist attacks. If you were to follow much of this advice, what would you do to prepare? To what degree would this preparation be effective?

A large number of the legends express fears about Muslims. If the legends were to be believed, what are Islam’s goals and how are they trying to accomplish them?

Create your own urban legend (make it about something besides 9/11). Be sure it includes all of the above criteria.