

Knowledge Work Analysis # 1

Section 1[RLS]: On September 11, 2001, terrorists attacked the United States. They hijacked four airplanes in mid-flight. The terrorists flew two of the planes into two skyscrapers at the World Trade Center in New York City. The impact caused the buildings to catch fire and collapse. Another plane destroyed part of the Pentagon (the U.S. military headquarters) in Arlington, Virginia. The fourth plane crashed in Shanksville, Pennsylvania. Officials believe that the terrorists on that plane intended to destroy either the White House or the U.S. Capitol. Passengers on the plane fought the terrorists and prevented them from reaching their goal. In all, nearly 3,000 people were killed in the 9/11 attacks. (Nathalie Smith, Scholastic News)

Section 2 [KQ]: To what extent is it plausible that major disasters are caused by internal forces?

Section 3 [KP]: (Owners of the buildings). The buildings had many problems that needed to be fixed (the asbestos situation). They may have given up on the buildings and in order to not pay for the problems, they may have contributed in order to get insurance money. Then you have the victims, the victims are the ones who died, they are the ones who suffered because of this incident and may believe that outside forces were involved because everything seemed so planned.

Section 4 [KC]:

*Passport Situation- some of the terrorist's passports were found on the ground near the Twin Towers and were in good condition, undamaged.

*Black box is a flight recorder, usually known for surviving plane crashes. Could've helped with 9/11 information but instead were retrieved and instead taken away.

*Compared to the World Trade Center, the Pentagon didn't suffer much damage

*pictures after the crash show small impact from a big plane.

*only one video of the Pentagon being hit was released, despite saying it was caught on 82 different cameras

*despite a few pieces of airplane, no solid proof of Pentagon crash actually occurring

*April G. backs this claims (Pentagon worker), that building wasn't hit by claim

* Building 7 collapses hours later

*Larry Silverstein interview, "we decided to pull Building 7"

*set off explosions to let building down, takes weeks/ months to prepare

*official 9/11 commission states building due to fire but Silverstein interview contradicts that

*Asbestos in building, needed to be replaced (costs a lot of money)

*if terrorist or natural disaster was to occur, insurance would make it cheaper

*Larry, despite being there almost everyday, wasn't there the day of the attack

*Buildings don't fall down so neatly from fire alone

Section 5 [RLS2]: The Ebola outbreak would be another situation that my question can be applied. Since it only arose and disappeared, killing millions of people, it is said to be planned.

Suggesting a higher force was behind it all.

Collazo Note: *Student did not include required student info at top. The RLS seems clear until you read the other sections to realize it is more about the plausibility of conspiracy theories related to 9/11; this is not clearly represented in Section 1. Knowledge question is vague in its wording ("major disasters", "internal forces"), and doesn't clearly identify the knowledge concept ("plausibility") with the RLS. Sections 3 & 4 seem disjointed and are missing an important perspective (the government), and the claims need to be written in complete sentences to be clearly understood. Is the info identified by asterisks supposed to clarify the claims? They don't. Section 5 needs more explicit explanation about the RLS's connection to the central knowledge question.*