**ARE THESE ACTIONS TERRORISM?**

**Teacher Answer Key**

**Directions:** Mark each item below that you think is an act of terrorism with a T, mark it with an N if you do not think it an act of terrorism, or mark it with a question mark or U if you are uncertain.

\_\_T\_\_l. An ex-soldier blows up a government building and the civilians in it.

*The Murrah building in OKC is an example of domestic terrorism.*

\_\_N\_\_2. During World War II, Hiroshima is bombed, although there are no specific military targets there.

*While this action is condemned, many cities have been bombed during war.*

\_\_T\_\_3. Palestinians explode a bomb on a bus.

*Palestinian suicide bombers blew up civilian areas in Tel Aviv and Jerusalem.*

\_\_N\_\_4. An economic boycott against Iraq results in a lack of food, medicine and the deaths of civilians.

*Economic sanctions by the United Nations or by one country against another are not considered terrorism.*

\_\_T\_\_ 5. A political group blows up a Marine defense base in Beirut, 1983.

*If soldiers are killed during a war or military event, then this is not terrorism. If an extremist group blows up the barracks of soldiers that are stationed there, then it is terrorism.*

\_\_T\_\_6. A Japanese cult releases poison gas in a subway.

\_\_N\_\_7. The German Democratic Republic group builds a wall through the center of Berlin so east Berliners are not allowed to travel freely.

*While this action is condemned, this is not a terrorist act and was initiated during the Cold War.*

\_\_T\_\_8. Simultaneous, coordinated bombings explode a commuter train system in Spain.