

# Terrorist Attacks of September 11, 2001



In the early morning of September 11, an attack was placed on the United States, in New York City by a terrorist group named Al-Qaeda. Four commercial aircrafts were hijacked by nineteen men while on route to their various destinations. This one day alone permanently impacted U.S. history.

American Airlines flight 11 struck the North Tower of the World Trade Center at 8:46 a.m. ET. Shortly after, United Airlines flight 175 hit the South Tower of the World Trade Center. The next blow occurred when American Airlines flight 77 crashed into the Pentagon Building. By 9:59 a.m. the South Tower had collapsed. It only took ten seconds for the entire building to be demolished. During the time between the collapse of the South and North Towers, United Airlines flight 93 crash landed in a field near Shanksville, Pennsylvania. It is believed that the passengers and crew on flight 93 were able to overpower the hijackers, and thusly the plane did not reach its intended target. Finally, the North Tower collapsed top to bottom just like the South Tower. The time between the first attack and the collapse of both World Trade Center towers was 102 minutes. Over 3,000 people died from immediate effects of the attacks, but many more have suffered and continue to suffer from ailments received from exposure to the World Trade Center.

September 11, 2001 forced the world into realization that terrorists are formidable reality. Many events and pieces of legislation have taken place because of 9/11. Some examples include the Victim Compensation Fund, which received 7,408 claims in its first year, the Department of Homeland Security as well as the Homeland Security Advisory System and more recently the National Terrorism Advisory System, Operation Enduring Freedom, President Bush sending troops into Iraq in 2003, and many more.

September 11, 2001 is day that will always be remembered.