

The Columbine Shooting

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The Town of Littleton

- A small town in Colorado just south of Denver
- With Columbine Highschool, home of the Rebels



Dylan & Eric

Eric Harris and Dylan Klebold were average boys that meet in middle school.

Grew in solid homes with two loving parents and siblings



-Once entering highschool , Klebold and Harris found it difficult to fit in with others.

-Frequently bullied by the athletes and other students.

-They spent much time playing video games such as “Doom”, having part time jobs on weekends

It all seemed normal at first

Suspicion

-Since 1997, Klebold has been thinking of suicide.

-As early as April 1998, they began preparations for a massacre a year before the event.

-All of which found in journals and videos left by them.

Last Chance

-On January 30, 1998, the two broke into a van, begin first-time offenders, they put in a program.

-The program provided workshops, volunteer projects, & spoke with counselors.

-All this while plotting for the massacre.

A Motive

-Klebold and Harris were filled with hate at the world and everyone on it.

-Hating anyone from Bullies and Star Wars fans to Christians and Blacks.

The Date

-Planned originally on April 19th, 1999, in anniversary of the Oklahoma Bombing

-For unknown reasons, the date was then moved to April 20th, Adolf Hitler's birthday.

The Arsenal

-Klebold and Harris were both armed
with

Shotguns

a 9mm handgun

a 9mm Carbine Rifle

pipe bombs

and black trench coats

The Plan

-The two were drive to school in separate cars, plant pipe bombs around the cafeteria and set to blow at 11:17 am, at its busiest.

-Once the bombs blew up, they would then start shooting at survivors.

-Fortunately, the bombs didn't go off, saving hundreds.

-After a few minutes, the two stepped out their cars and started firing.

-Shooting at any students sitting outside of the Cafeteria.

-At First, Students thought the near by shootings were from a "senior prank", thus remain as normal.

-The two made the trip of going into the cafeteria and finding it to seem empty.

-Harris & Klebold then took to the halls passing classrooms with people still hiding in them.

-Shooting anyone who were out in the halls during such time.

The Library

-Once in the Library, they were laughing as while killing people hiding within the room.

-While reloading, Harris recognized a student on the ground, being an acquaintance with him, Harris then spared him.

The End

-After a failed attempt to blow up the bombs in the cafeteria, then returned to Library and killed themselves.

-Nobody could leave at first believing that the two killers were still on the loose.

The Aftermath

-A total of 13 people killed, and 20 others injured.

-The arguments for why the two did this centered around whether it was mental illness, violent video games, or being bullied in school.

-the question still remains to this day:
"Why".

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