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### The Columbine Shooting

In the small town of Littleton Colorado, on the 20th of April 1999, two high schoolers, Dylan Klebold and Eric Harris, committed one of the worst and bloodiest school massacres in American history. The two boys, had a strong hatred for other people. They both had blogs on websites, to where they would rant about how much they hate people. They tried suicide once two years before the assault, then one year later they started to plan that attack. On the 30th of January 1998, both of them were thrown into juvenile hall for breaking into a van. While they were in juvy they both plotted how to act out the murderous spree.

They both used the internet to learn how to make homemade bombs. They used the knowledge they acquired to create 99 explosive devices. Their plan was to basically kill as many people as possible. They sat around and would see where the largest compacted area of students is at lunch. They estimated about over 500 students would be in the cafeteria after 11:15am. They decided to plant bombs in the cafeteria before the lunch, to explode at 11:17am, to which then they open fire onto any saviors who attempted to escape from the scene.

They went to their school at 11:10 am on Tuesday 20 April 1999. They had 20 pounds of propane bombs, with timers set to detonate at 11:17 am in duffel bags. They planted the bags down at tables to have them blend in with other backpacks the students would place down. They then went back to their cars and waited for the explosion.

Nothing happened. They waited a few more minutes to make sure, still, nothing happened. The two decided to carry out the plan any ways. They left their cars, wearing trench coats to hide a 12 gage double-barrel shot gun, and a 12 gauge sawed-off shot gun. They carried a bag of pipe-bombs and knives.

At 11:19 am, two pipe bombs that they set way off in the distance to throw off the cops exploded. The two boys shot at two students, 17-year old Rachel Scott died, the other ran off injured. The other students thought the shots being fired were simply a senior prank, and didn't react to it. Three students then left, they thought the guns were black painted air soft guns, and were shot at. They shot at five other students eating lunch on the grass.

The students heard the explosions and gunfire more, and still it was a prank. A teacher and two custodians realized it wasn't a prank, and had the students evacuate the cafeteria. The boys entered the school at 11:25, while shooting at police officers that arrived, none were hurt though. The boys walked around the halls of the school shooting at people whilst laughing. At 11:29 am, they entered into the library.

They started shouting "get up" to which no one did, so they began firing. They killed a student sitting at a computer desk. They then walked to the window and began shooting at policemen and students trying to run away. They then walked around taunting and killing students under desks, saying things like "peek-ah-boo" and asking if they wanted to die. Klebold saw someone he knew under a table and the student asked what Klebold was doing, to which he replied "Oh, just killing people". Klebold then let the student leave the room alive. They then left the library and went back into the hallway.

They spent eight minutes walking around looking into classrooms and making eye contact with students. They didn't try getting the students though. They went throughout the school shooting and

throwing bombs. Around 12:05, they both shot themselves in the head. Ending the Columbine massacre.