

September 11th

What were the World Trade Center and Twin Towers?

The World Trade Center was a group of seven buildings in lower Manhattan, a busy and crowded part of New York City. In the middle of the World Trade Center were two buildings nicknamed the Twin Towers because they looked exactly the same.

What is 9/11?

On September 11, 2001, also known as 9/11, a group of nineteen terrorists crashed two airplanes into the Twin Towers. Another plane crashed into the Pentagon building outside of Washington D.C. The men tried to crash the fourth plane into another building, however, the passengers fought back, and the plane crashed into an empty field in Pennsylvania. During this time of crisis, first responders and many other civilians stepped in to help their fellow humans and New Yorkers get to safety.

Making Connections

Our country has faced many challenges over its history. It seems that with each challenge, our patriotism and care for those around us grows. Our country witnessed an increase in patriotism after 9/11 just as there was an increase during World War I and World War II.

What is 9/11?

The men who hijacked the planes wanted to kill many people and hurt the United States. Afterward, they thought that the United States would become weaker and Americans would lose some of their freedom and rights.

How can we remember what happened on September 11, 2001?

Many people find comfort in visiting the 9/11 Memorial & Museum. Millions of people from all over the world have visited it. Together, they remind us what happened that day and help us remember all the people who lost their lives. September 11th is now a holiday that we call Patriot Day.

Interesting Facts:

- 17,000 people were in the World Trade Center when the planes hit, most left safely.
- On the 10th anniversary of 9/11, the 9/11 Memorial opened. The 9/11 Museum opened in 2014.
- Many first responders gave their lives on 9/11 to help others get to safety. We especially remember them on Patriot Day.

