

## SEPTEMBER 11, 2001

On Tuesday September 11, 2001, America was faced with the most horrific and deadliest terrorist attack in its history. By declaring war on the United States, Osama Bin Laden and his Al-Queida terror faction orchestrated an attempt to break the core of American pride. Crashing planes into Towers One and Two of the World Trade Center in New York and another into the Pentagon in Washington, D.C., Bin Laden made his intentions very clear: kill Americans and our way of life. Another plane, also hijacked, was believed to be headed for another of our country's landmarks: The White House. This plane was overcome by its heroic passengers and went down in a Pennsylvania field, killing all on board.

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### September 11<sup>th</sup> Timeline

8:45 a.m.

A hijacked passenger jet, American Airlines Flight 11 originating from Boston, Massachusetts, crashes into the North Tower of the World Trade Center.

9:03 a.m.

A second hijacked airliner, United Airlines Flight 175 originating from Boston, Massachusetts, crashes into the South Tower of the World Trade Center. Both buildings are ablaze.

9:17 a.m.

The Federal Aviation Administration shuts down all New York City area airports.

9:21 a.m.

The Port Authority of New York and New Jersey orders all bridges and tunnels in the New York area shut down.

9:30 a.m.

President Bush, speaking in Sarasota, Florida tells all that the country has suffered an "apparent terrorist attack."

9:40 a.m.

For the first time in United States history, the Federal Aviation Administration halts all flight operations at United States airports nationwide.

9:43 a.m.

American Airlines Flight 77 crashes into the Pentagon, causing part of it to erupt into flames. Evacuation begins immediately.

9:45 a.m.

The White House evacuates.

9:57 a.m.

President Bush departs from Florida.

10:05 a.m.

The South Tower of the World Trade Center collapses, causing a plume of dust and debris to be scattered throughout New York City streets.

10:10 a.m.

A portion of the Pentagon collapses.

10:10 a.m.

Hijacked United Airlines Flight 93 crashes into Somerset County, Pennsylvania.

10:13 a.m.

The United Nations building evacuates. A total of 11,700 people are forced to exit the building.

10:22 a.m.

In Washington, D.C., State and Justice Departments are evacuated along with employees of the World Bank.

10:24 a.m.

The Federal Aviation Administration reports that all inbound transatlantic flights into the United States are being diverted to Canada.

10:28 a.m.

The North Tower of the World Trade Center collapses, causing a plume of dust and debris to be scattered throughout New York City streets.

10:45 a.m.

All federal office buildings are evacuated.

10:57 a.m.

New York Governor George Pataki says all state government offices are closed.

11:26 a.m.

United Airlines reports that United Airlines Flight 93 en route from New Jersey to San Francisco, California, has crashed with 56 passengers and nine crewmembers on board.

12:04 p.m.

Los Angeles International Airport is evacuated.

12:30 p.m.

The Federal Aviation Administration reports that 50 airliners are in United States airspace with none reporting any incidents.

1:27 p.m.

A state of emergency is declared by the city of Washington, D.C.

2:30 p.m.

The Federal Aviation Administration announces that there will be no United States commercial air traffic until Wednesday (EDT) at the earliest.

4:10 p.m.

Building 7 of the World Trade Center complex is reported on fire.

4:25 p.m.

The American Stock Exchange, the Nasdaq and the New York Stock Exchange say they will remain closed Wednesday.

5:20 p.m.

Building 7 of the World Trade Center sustains severe structural damage and collapses, as did several other buildings in the immediate area of the North and South Towers.