

When America Awoke

Introduction

The morning of September 11, 2001, was a beautiful day in New York City. The sun was shining, the sky was clear, and the air was crisp. But by the end of the day, the city would be forever changed.

At 8:46 a.m., American Airlines Flight 11 crashed into the North Tower of the World Trade Center. Seventeen minutes later, United Airlines Flight 175 crashed into the South Tower. At 9:37 a.m., American Airlines Flight 77 crashed into the Pentagon. And at 10:03 a.m., United Airlines Flight 93 crashed into a field in Shanksville, Pennsylvania.

The attacks of September 11th were the deadliest terrorist attacks in history, and they had a profound impact on the United States and the world. Nearly 3,000

people were killed, and thousands more were injured. The attacks also caused billions of dollars in damage and led to the War on Terror.

In the aftermath of the attacks, there was an outpouring of grief and sympathy from around the world. People from all walks of life came together to help the victims and their families. And in the years since, the United States has made significant progress in rebuilding and recovering.

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This book is a valuable resource for anyone who wants to understand the events of 9/11 and their impact on

our world. The essays are written by leading experts in their fields, and they provide a comprehensive overview of the attacks and their aftermath.

This book is also a powerful reminder of the resilience of the American people. In the face of tragedy, we came together and showed the world that we are a nation that cannot be defeated.

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Chapter 1: The Day the World Changed

1. The morning of September 11th

The morning of September 11, 2001, was a beautiful day in New York City. The sun was shining, the sky was clear, and the air was crisp. People were going about their daily routines, unaware of the tragedy that was about to unfold.

At 8:46 a.m., American Airlines Flight 11 crashed into the North Tower of the World Trade Center. Seventeen minutes later, United Airlines Flight 175 crashed into the South Tower. The impact of the planes caused massive explosions and fires, and the towers began to collapse.

People in the towers and nearby buildings were trapped and forced to flee for their lives. Some jumped from the windows to escape the flames and smoke. Others were killed by falling debris or suffocated by the smoke.

The collapse of the towers caused a massive cloud of dust and debris to spread through the city. The dust cloud caused respiratory problems for many people and disrupted transportation and communications.

The attacks of September 11th were a horrific tragedy that claimed the lives of nearly 3,000 people. The attacks also caused billions of dollars in damage and had a profound impact on the United States and the world.

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2. The first plane hits

At 8:46 a.m. on September 11, 2001, American Airlines Flight 11 crashed into the North Tower of the World Trade Center. The impact was so powerful that it caused a massive explosion and sent debris flying through the air. People in the surrounding buildings felt the ground shake, and many thought that an earthquake had occurred.

Inside the North Tower, chaos ensued. People scrambled to evacuate, but many were trapped above the impact zone. Firefighters and police officers rushed to the scene, but they were hampered by the thick smoke and debris.

As the flames spread, the North Tower became increasingly unstable. At 10:28 a.m., the tower collapsed, sending more debris and smoke into the air. The collapse of the North Tower was a devastating

blow to the city of New York and to the world. It was the first time that a skyscraper had ever been destroyed by a terrorist attack.

The collapse of the North Tower also had a profound psychological impact on the American people. It was a reminder that we were not immune to terrorism, and that even our most iconic buildings could be destroyed. In the aftermath of the attacks, many Americans felt a sense of fear and vulnerability.

But the attacks also brought out the best in many Americans. People from all walks of life came together to help the victims and their families. And in the years since, the United States has made significant progress in rebuilding and recovering.

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3. The second plane hits

At 9:03 a.m., United Airlines Flight 175 crashed into the South Tower of the World Trade Center. The plane hit the building between the 77th and 85th floors, causing a massive explosion and fire. The impact sent debris and flaming fuel cascading down the side of the building, setting fire to several floors below.

The second plane hit the South Tower just 17 minutes after the first plane hit the North Tower. This timing suggests that the hijackers of the second plane were aware of the first attack and were deliberately targeting the second tower.

The impact of the second plane caused even more damage than the impact of the first plane. The South Tower was already weakened by the first explosion, and the second impact caused the building to collapse completely at 9:56 a.m.

The collapse of the South Tower was a devastating blow to the city of New York and to the United States as a whole. It was the first time that a skyscraper had ever collapsed due to a terrorist attack. The collapse of the South Tower also marked the beginning of the end for the World Trade Center complex.

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