

The September 11th Attacks

Read the questions below. Then read the text and watch the videos to find the answers:

On September 11th, 2001, an Islamic terrorist group called al-Qaeda, led by Osama bin Laden, carried out multiple terrorist attacks on the United States.

The attacks took place in the morning between 8:46 a.m. and 10:03 a.m. The weapons they used were four hijacked passenger airplanes that were crashed into buildings. There were 19 terrorists involved in the attacks.



Two of the planes crashed into the Twin Towers in New York City, the first plane at 8:46 and the second plane at 9:03. When the first plane hit the North Tower, people thought it was an accident, but when the second plane crashed into the south tower, it was clear that the United States was under attack. The South Tower collapsed at 9:58, and the North Tower half an hour later.

A third plane crashed into the Pentagon in Washington D.C., the headquarters of the USA Department of Defense.



The fourth plane crashed in Pennsylvania. Several passengers and flight attendants on this flight knew from phone calls about the events in New York City. The passengers voted to take the plane from the hijackers. In the struggle, the plane fell on a field in Shanksville. Authorities believe that the hijackers' plan was to hit the White House or the U.S. Capitol Building in Washington.

There were 246 passengers and crew on board the four airplanes, and all of them died. 2,606 people died at the World Trade Center and 125 people at the Pentagon.



Many people acted as heroes on September 11th. The firefighters and police in New York City saved thousands of people before the buildings collapsed, and almost 350 of them died in the process.

Match the words to their definitions:

HIJACKER	Collide violently
COLLAPSE	An instrument used for attack or defense
CRASH	To fight against an attacker
CREW	A person who seizes an airplane by force
PASSENGER	The people who operate a ship or an aircraft
FIREFIGHTER	Fall, crumble suddenly
WEAPON	A person travelling on a ship, train, plane...
STRUGGLE	A person who extinguishes or prevents fires

According to the text and the video, are the sentences true or false?

Osama Bin Laden was the leader of Al Qaeda.	TRUE	FALSE
We don't know how many terrorists travelled on the planes.	TRUE	FALSE
The South Tower was the first building that was hit.	TRUE	FALSE
The South Tower was the first building that collapsed.	TRUE	FALSE
From the very beginning people realised it was a terrorist attack.	TRUE	FALSE
The Pentagon is a military building.	TRUE	FALSE
The hijackers wanted to take the fourth plane to San Francisco.	TRUE	FALSE
Nearly 3,000 people died because of the September 11th attacks.	TRUE	FALSE
All the planes were initially going to California	TRUE	FALSE

Write the numbers:

1. The year when the attacks happened: _____
2. The number of planes that were hijacked: _____
3. The number of planes that crashed against a building: _____
4. The number of terrorists involved: _____
5. The number of people who died at the Pentagon: _____
6. The number of crew members on the fourth plane: _____