



The U.S. and the World:
SS.7.CG.4.4
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READING #4

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SS.7.CG.4.4 Benchmark Clarification 4: Students will recall the timeline of events on September 11th, 2001, including the attacks on the World Trade Center, the Pentagon, and United Airlines Flight 93.

In order to remember and honor those who lost their lives on September 11th, 2001, it's important that we are able to recall the timeline of events of that day.

7:59 AM: **American Airlines Flight 11**, a Boeing 767 carrying 92 people, takes off from Boston's Logan International Airport, heading to Los Angeles, California. This meant it had a full fuel tank.

8:14 AM: Flight 11 is hijacked by 5 Islamic terrorists from al Qaeda.

8:14 AM: **United Airlines Flight 175**, also a Boeing 767 with 65 people onboard and heading to Los Angeles, takes off from Boston.

8:20 AM: **American Airlines Flight 77**, a Boeing 757 with 64 people onboard, takes off from Washington Dulles International Airport, bound for Los Angeles.

8:42: **United Airlines Flight 93**, a Boeing 757 with 44 people onboard takes off from Newark International Airport, heading to San Francisco.

8:42-8:46 AM: Flight 175 is hijacked by 5 Islamic terrorists from **al Qaeda**.

8:46:28 AM: American Airlines Flight 11 crashes into the **North Tower** of the World Trade Center in New York City. This was the first attack and set off massive fires and began structural collapse from the impact and explosion of the plane and its full tanks of fuel.

8:50-8:54: Flight 77 is hijacked by 5 Islamic terrorists from al Qaeda.

9:03:02 AM: United Airlines Flight 175 crashes into the **South Tower** of the World Trade Center.

9:28 AM: Flight 93 is hijacked by 4 Islamic terrorists from al Qaeda. The passengers on the plane were aware of the hijacking and crashing of the planes into the World Trade Center. This plane is believed to have been targeting the **U.S. Capitol Building**.

9:37:46 AM: American Airlines Flight 77 crashes into the Pentagon in Arlington, Virginia.

9:57 AM: Passengers on Flight 93, aware of the other attacks, fight back against the hijackers in an effort to retake control of the plane.

9:59 AM: The South Tower of the World Trade Center collapses.

10:03 AM: United Airlines Flight 93 crashes into a field near **Shanksville, Pennsylvania**. The heroic passengers are believed to have forced their way into the cockpit, which led to the crash.

10:28 AM: The North Tower of the World Trade Center collapses.

All together, 2,996 people in the buildings and planes were killed by 19 hijackers. Most were killed in the collapse of the North and South Towers (**The Twin Towers**) of the World Trade Center. We recall these events to remember the importance of our freedoms and liberties and why they matter.

American Airlines Flight 11 - a Boeing 767 carrying 92 people that crashed into the North Tower of the World Trade Center

United Airlines Flight 175 - a Boeing 767 carrying 65 people that crashed into the South Tower of the World Trade Center

American Airlines Flight 77 - a Boeing 757 carrying 64 people that crashed into the Pentagon in Arlington, Virginia

United Airlines Flight 93 - a Boeing 757 carrying 44 people that crashed into a field in Shanksville, Pennsylvania after passengers fought to regain control from terrorists

al Qaeda - extremist Islamic terror group responsible for multiple global terror attacks against Western targets, including the events of September 11th, 2001

North Tower - one of the buildings that made up the World Trade Center, standing at 1,368 feet; it collapsed at 10:28 am on September 11th, 2001 after the crash of American Airlines Flight 11

South Tower - one of the buildings that made up the World Trade Center, standing at 1,362 feet; it collapsed at 9:59 am after the crash of United Airlines Flight 175

U.S. Capitol Building - center of legislative power for the United States in Washington, D.C., where the U.S. Congress meets

Pentagon - government building in Arlington, PA that serves as the headquarters of the Department of Defense

Shanksville, Pennsylvania - location of the crash of United Airlines Flight 93 after passengers fought terrorists for control

The Twin Towers - common name for the North and South Towers of the World Trade Center