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102 Minutes That Changed America Video Guide

On September 11th 2001, a group of radical Islamic terrorists known as al-Qaeda hijacked four airplanes. Two planes crashed into the Twin Towers of the World Trade Center in New York City, one plane crashed into the Pentagon in Washington D.C., and the last plane was aimed towards Washington D.C., but crashed in a field in Pennsylvania when the terrorists were overtaken by the passengers. Over 3,000 people died in the attacks including firefighters trying to rescue people in the Twin Towers and the airplane passengers.

The United States responded to the attacks by launching the War on Terror and invading Afghanistan to depose of the Taliban, an Islamic group that harbored al-Qaeda. Along with the United States, many countries strengthened their anti-terrorism policies and legislation. After having evaded capture for years, Osama bin Laden, the leader of al-Qaeda, was located and killed by U.S. forces in May 2011.

102 Minutes That Changed American is a documentary displaying eyewitness footage from New York City the day of the September 11th attack.

To better understand 9/11, watch the documentary and answer the questions below:

1. The first plane hit the North Tower at 8:48 a.m. Some people witnessed the airplane hit the tower, but many others just saw the smoke. At this point, what did eyewitnesses think had happened?

2. What happened around 9:00 a.m.?

3. How did eyewitnesses' responses change after the second plane hit the South tower? Did they think the attack was an accident?

4. What did the 911 emergency responders tell the people trapped in the building to do?

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5. Why did some people decide to jump out of the building?

6. What did President Bush say about the attack?

7. What other building did a plane crash into on September 11th besides the Twin Towers?

8. What happened to the South building around 10 a.m.?

9. How do people on the street respond to these attacks? What do eyewitnesses want to do in response?

10. What were some of the risks of sending fire fighters into the North building?

11. What happened to the North tower around 10:28 a.m.?

Make a prediction: Based off what you have seen in the documentary, how do you think the United States will respond to the 9/11 attacks?