

# 9/11 Research: NYC Reading Sheet

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## Vocabulary

**unlawfully:** against the law

**evacuate:** to remove someone from a place of danger and move them to a safer place

**despite:** not prevented by

**debris:** remains of something broken down or destroyed

**devastation:** great destruction or damage

On the morning of September 11, 2001, multiple airplanes were **unlawfully** taken in an attack on the United States.

At 8:46 a.m. American Airlines flight 11 flew into the North Tower of the World Trade Center, located in New York City. First responders and emergency personnel rushed to the scene to try to put out the fire and **evacuate** the area. At 9:03 a.m. United Airlines flight 175 flew into the South Tower of the World Trade Center. The emergency doubled and more emergency personnel were called to help.

At 9:59 a.m. the South Tower, the second tower to be hit, collapsed. Emergency personnel continued to evacuate as many people as they could from the area and the North Tower, **despite** the danger to their lives.

At 10:28 a.m. the North Tower collapsed. First responders and emergency personnel immediately worked to remove **debris** and rescue anyone trapped within the collapse.

The site of **devastation** in New York City was about 16 acres, which is about 12 football fields. People from around the country went to New York City to help clean up debris. A ceremony with no words marked the end of cleanup on May 30, 2002.

People working there breathed in dust and smoke that was harmful to their health. As a result, many people have died or continue to suffer from 9/11-related health issues.

2,753 people lost their lives at the World Trade Center, including 343 members of the Fire Department of the City of New York, 23 members of the New York City Police Department, and 37 members of the Port Authority Police Department.