

9/11 Research: Flight 93 Reading Sheet

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Vocabulary

unlawfully: against the law

authorities: a person or organization that has power or control

overthrow: remove from power

U.S. Capitol: a building in Washington, D.C., where members of the United States government meet

symbol of the American Republic: something that represents the freedom of America and our government

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

At 8:42 a.m. United Airlines flight 93 took off from Newark Liberty International Airport, in New Jersey. The plane was supposed to take off at 8 a.m. but was delayed because of early morning traffic at the airport. It was scheduled to land at San Francisco International Airport, in California.

Shortly after their aircraft had been taken over, crew members and passengers on board United Airlines flight 93 began making calls to **authorities** and loved ones and learned that two planes were crashed into the Twin Towers in New York City, one plane was crashed into the Pentagon, near Washington D.C., and that their plane was likely going to be used as a weapon.

Without knowing where the evil people were planning on flying their plane, the brave passengers decided to work together to **overthrow** them. At 9:57 a.m. the passengers and crew began to fight back, and their plan was successful. At 10:03 a.m. United Airlines flight 93 crash landed in an empty field near Shanksville, Pennsylvania.

All 40 people on the flight lost their lives. It is still unknown where the plane was headed, however it is believed that its target was likely the White House, the **U.S. Capitol**, or another **symbol of the American Republic**. The courage and sacrifice of the passengers and crew of United Airlines flight 93 saved many lives.