

9/11 Research: NYC Reading Sheet

Name: _____

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Vocabulary

hijacked: unlawfully taken

militant: aggressive and extremely violent

despite: not prevented by

debris: remains of something broken down or destroyed

devastation: great destruction or damage

solemn: serious

On the morning of September 11, 2001, multiple airplanes were **hijacked** in an attack on the United States by a **militant** group called al-Qaeda.

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 **solemn** 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.