

9/11 Research: The Pentagon Reading Sheet

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Vocabulary

hijacked: unlawfully taken

militant: aggressive and extremely violent

headquarters: a main office or center of operation for an organization

renovation: act or process of repairing

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 8:20 a.m. American Airlines flight 77 took off from Washington Dulles International Airport, in Virginia, and was scheduled to land in Los Angeles Airport in California.

At 9:37 a.m. American Airlines flight 77 flew into the Pentagon, which is the **headquarters** for the United States Department of Defense. The U.S. Army, Navy, Marine Corps and Air Force have headquarters in the Pentagon.

The Pentagon is made up of five separate pentagon shaped rings, that are connected. At the time of the attack on September 11, 2001, the building was under **renovation**, and luckily many offices were empty where the plane flew into the building.

184 people lost their lives at the Pentagon on September 11, 2001, including all 59 passengers and crew members aboard American Airlines flight 77.