American History

September 11th / War in Afghanistan and Iraq

Today's Lesson

What are we learning about today!

- September 11th Review
- War in Afghanistan
- War in Iraq

Objectives • Identify what happened on September 11th and what happened as a result.

 Identify reasons for the U.S. war in Iraq and Afghanistan.

Our History Class Responsibilities

We will try our best to learn and have fun, Until the class is over and Mrs. Taylor says we're done!

We will use the chat to participate and write about the class subjects only,

Or we will lose that privilege and we will be very lonely.

We need to be in class on time, make sure to participate, and TRY! And if we don't stay the entire class, we may be marked absent and wonder why?

Once class is over, our work is not quite through, We have a chapter to read and a study guide to do.

We are responsible for our own grade, it is what we earn, We are in control of learning all that we can learn!

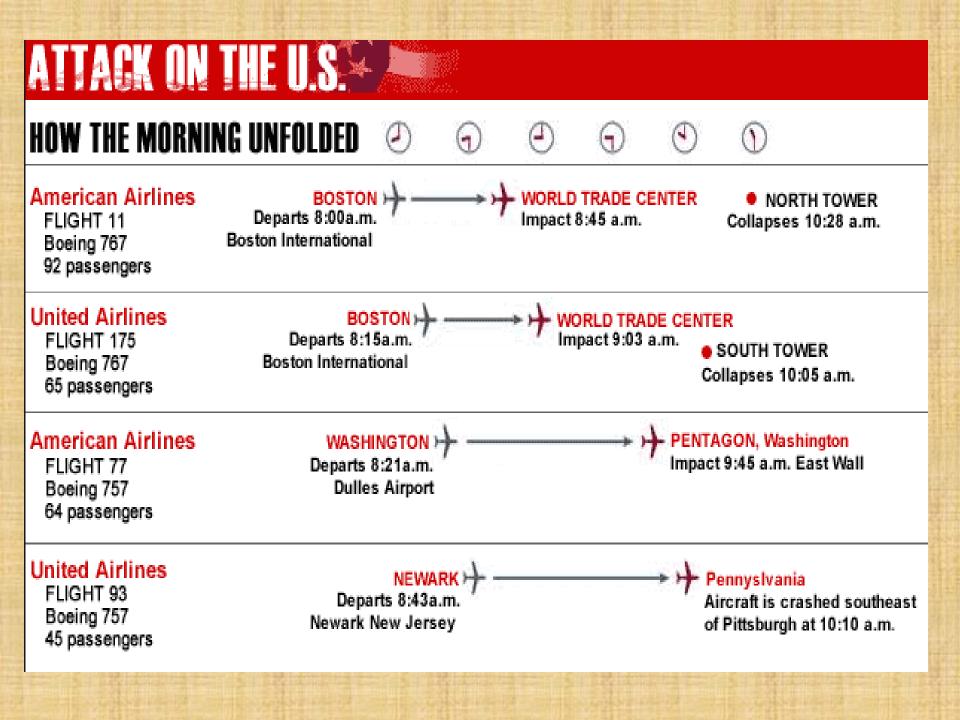
September 11, 2001



What I Learned



On September 11, 2001, something happened that jolted us from our complacency, and we and the whole world shuddered. That day, 19 terrorists hijacked four airliners, ramming two of them into the World Trade Center in New York City, one into the Pentagon in Wachington D.C. while the Pentagon in Washington, D.C., while the fourth crashed in a Pennsylvania field after a heroic takeover by passengers and crew. Officially, more than 3,000 people died (including citizens from 80 nations), and thousands of others were injured, many seriously. Most were just ordinary people—but very special to the children, parents, friends, and lovers they left behind.



How many planes were hijacked on 9/11?

a) Six
b) Four
c) Seven
d) Three

Approximately how many people were killed?

a) 1,000
b) 2,000
c) 3,000
d) 4,000

Who was responsible?



Islam versus Terrorism

Islam (Muslims)

- Peace and love for others as required by Allah
- Jews and Christians are respected as
- "People of the Book," but they have
- wrong beliefs and only partial revelation.

Terrorism (Muslimextremist)

- Violence is way to please Allah
- Jews and Christians are from Satan and need to die.
- Rewarded for killing as many non-Muslims as possible.

America's Reaction



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 We Americans reacted to the mass murders of September 11th with forceful, effective action. President George W. Bush immediately made it clear that we have no tolerance for terrorism and wrongdoing. Citizens gave him their overwhelming support. Almost unnoticed was our astonishing response to the unprecedented emergency. New Yorkers and volunteers from around the nation responded without hesitation. Firefighters rushed to the World Trade Center and 343 died heroically trying to save others.

The president declared war against all Muslims.





In Afghanistan, Osama bin Laden, leader of the terrorist organization al-Qaeda, claimed credit for the destruction of New York's twin towers. (Much of the actual planning for 9/11 was carried out by an al-Qaeda group in Hamburg, Germany.) United States officials knew bin Laden. In the 1970s, when Afghans were fighting Russia, bin Laden had trained Muslim volunteers to fight the Russians, with American support.

Afghanistan

- 1978 : Afghanistan became a democratic republic(Us referred to it as communism)
- A Civil War Broke out , the Soviet Union sends in troops and money in hope of gaining power.
- The US under Carter send massive aid to support anti-Russian fighters.
- The Russians, expecting to rule Afghanistan, stayed for a decade (1979-89), finally leaving in defeat, having lost 15,000 soldiers
- Who does the US help in these efforts
 - Al-Qaeda
 - Taliban
- By the year 2000, the Taliban controlled 90 percent of the country, providing free schooling for Afghan boys (not girls) in schools called madrassas, where students were taught to memorize the Qur'an and hate all things "Western" or "democratic.
- We went into Afghanistan in search for Osama Bin Laden but he left and was now in Pakistan. The Taliban was brought down quickly, but it was not easy to restore political stability.

Why did we go to war in Afghanistan?

Iraqi dictator Saddam Hussein poses with a gun for his personal photographer. V



War in Iraq

- DO you remember the first Gulf War, the leader who was left in power to help support efforts with Iran?
 - Well now he is believed to have weapons of mass destruction....
 - The United States was fighting one war in the Middle East after 9/11, targeting the terrorist al-Qaeda and Taliban militias in Afghanistan, both of which operated under the influence of the radical Osama bin Laden, who had funded and developed training camps for terrorists. Bin Laden was still at large, but now President George W. Bush was turning his attention to Iraq and what he and his administration viewed as a major threat to the world: the possibility that Saddam Hussein had deadly weapons of mass destruction and a willingness to share them with terrorists.

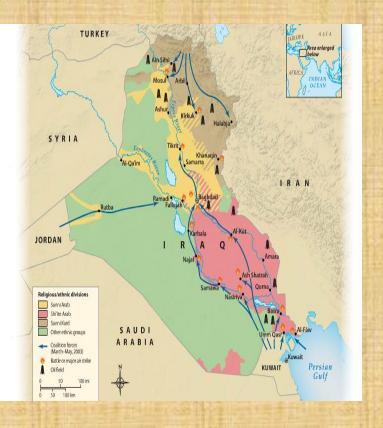
Shock and Awe

 President George W. Bush wasn't willing to wait. On March 20, 2003, a U.S.-led force invaded Iraq.



- Baghdad fell 21 days later, on April 9, 2003.
- On April 15, Saddam's hometown, Tikrit, surrendered.
- On May 1, President Bush declared that "In the battle of Iraq, the United States and our allies have prevailed."
- On December 13, a bearded, bedraggled Saddam Hussein was captured. He'd been hiding in a hole in the ground on a relative's farm. As for those WMDs, the U.S. troops couldn't find any.

Did we make a mistake?



Americans disagreed about whether we were right to invade Iraq. Senator Robert C. Byrd of West Virginia said, "This Administration has directed all of the anger, fear, and grief which emerged from the ashes of the twin towers and the twisted metal of the Pentagon towards a tangible villain [Saddam Hussein], one we can see and hate and attack. And villain he is. But, he is the wrong villain.

Saddam Hussein was responsible for the attacks on September 11th.



Almost finished...

• Exit ticket:

 Homework: Continue reading/Unit 13 Are you just about done?

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