

Ground Zero: The September 11 Terrorist Attack

WebQuest Description: The year 2001, the world had just celebrated the coming of the new millenium, and was finally relieved from the Millenium Bug anxiety. Everyone had a new hope for a better future and was looking forward for a smoother year, until one fateful day.

It was September 11 2001, everyone in New York City thought that it was just going to be another typical day of business in the capital of the world. They never expected that it would be one for the history books. At around 8:46 a.m., New Yorkers and the whole world as well, was shocked as two passenger aircrafts slammed into the World Trade Center, America's symbol of economic grandeur, simultaneously. It marked the start of another era of terror and unrest, as what seemed to be the invulnerable United States had just been infiltrated by a group of terrorist, and gave them a wake up call that they will never, ever forget.

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Introduction

There were 2,974 fatalities, not including the 19 hijackers: 246 on the four planes, 2,603 in New York City in the towers and on the ground. An additional 24 people remain listed as missing. 1,366 people died who were at or above the floors of impact in the North Tower. According to the Commission Report, hundreds were killed instantly by the impact while the rest were trapped and died after the tower collapsed. It was one of the most gloomy day in the history of America. They had no reason to smile, citizens had a hard time accepting what had just happened until the number of casualties rolled out. But what happened can never be undone. The only thing that the American Government can do is to make sure that it will never happen again, and see to it that the people responsible for the attack will be put to justice. You will play the role of an FBI agent whose mission is to gather information about the people behind the attack and help give justice to the victims of such atrocity. The information that you will gather will be used to track down the terrorists. The people of America is depending on you. God speed to your mission.

Tasks

To guide your investigation, the FBI Joint Terrorism Task Force gave specific objectives for you to accomplish. Objectives: 1. Know how the terrorists were able to execute the attack. Your investigation should include the information about the strategies, materials and equipments that the terrorists used to execute their attack. 2. Identify the people responsible for the terrorist attack. You have to specifically identify the main players behind the attack and the information about their affiliations if there is any. 3. Know the objectives of the attack. Your investigation should include the specific objective of the terrorist attack and the reason why they chose The World Trade Center as their target.

Process

Instructions: All the documents of your investigation should be in Word format. Fonts should be in size twelve, Times New Roman. The paragraph format should be single spaced and justified. Include photos that would support your investigation. Send your output to emmanuel_urbanozo@yahoo.com by attaching the document to an e-mail message. If you used other references except for the ones that are given below, please indicate the name of the source in your finished output. You must consult the given links below to help you accomplish the given objectives: After finishing your investigation, you will have to proceed to the indicated URL (<http://www.quia.com/hm/339849.html>) for a short assessment. <http://www.globalsecurity.org/military/world/para/ansar-al-sunna.htm> Security News Line: Global Terrorism and Counter-terrorism www.debriefed.org September 11 terrorist attack Responsibility for the September 11, 2001 attacks 9/11 Commission Report 911 Digital Archive.org September 11, 2001 Newspaper Articles Archive 9/11 photos by Robert Swanson Terrorist groups Tactics of terrorism A reliable and daily updated Open Sources Center that includes a "Terrorism" section. Teaching Terrorism and Counterterrorism with lesson plans, bibliographies, resources; from US Military Academy Most Wanted Terrorists Ontologies of Weapons of Mass Destruction and Terrorism

Evaluation

