



The Mini Page

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Next Week:
Rats!



photo by Wally Gobetz

Remembering 9/11

This week, Americans are remembering the events of Sept. 11, 2001 — two decades ago. The Mini Page reminds us of what happened that day and why it's still important 20 years later.

What happened

On Sept. 11, 2001, 19 members of a group called al-Qaida (al-KIE-duh) hijacked* four airplanes with many passengers and crew.

Some of these hijackers deliberately crashed two passenger planes into the two skyscrapers of the World Trade Center in New York City.

Other hijackers crashed a jet plane into the Pentagon, the U.S. Department of Defense headquarters in Arlington, Virginia, outside Washington, D.C.

Hijackers tried to crash a fourth plane, United Airlines Flight 93, into the U.S. Capitol in Washington, D.C.

Brave passengers and crew on Flight 93 heard about the other attacks when they made calls from the jet. They decided to stop the hijackers before they could hurt more people.

* A hijacking (HIGH-jack-ing) is when people steal a plane, train, car or boat by using force or threats.



The Pentagon on Sept. 11, 2001, just after a plane crashed into it.

U.S. Navy Photo by Photographer's Mate 2nd Class Bob Houlihan

Mini Fact:

It took less than two hours for the twin towers of the World Trade Center to collapse after they were struck by airplanes. Today, a single building, One World Trade Center, stands in their place.

Flight 93 crashed in an empty field in Somerset County, Pennsylvania. Those passengers and crew lost their own lives, but they saved people in Washington.

About 3,000 people were killed in the four attacks of that day.

Remembering the victims

Since the attacks in 2001, people have built memorials to those who lost their lives in three main places: the site of the World Trade Center in New York, the Pentagon in Virginia, and the field in Pennsylvania where Flight 93 crashed.

At the National 9/11 Memorial and Museum in New York, an FDNY Ladder 3 firetruck recovered after the attacks is on display. The truck was damaged by falling debris, burned by fires and rusted. The front cab was separated, and the aerial ladder was partially crushed.



Mini Page photo by Mark Tairy

The National 9/11 Memorial and Museum includes objects found at the scene, wreckage of the buildings, and oral histories, or interviews with survivors and first responders, about what happened that day.

Each year, on Sept. 11, families of the victims gather at the 9/11 Memorial Plaza to read out loud the names of 2,983 people who lost their lives that day and in the 1993 bombing at the same site.

Virginia site

The National 9/11 Pentagon Memorial honors the 184 people who lost their lives when a plane crashed into the building.

The memorial is designed with 184 stainless steel benches, each

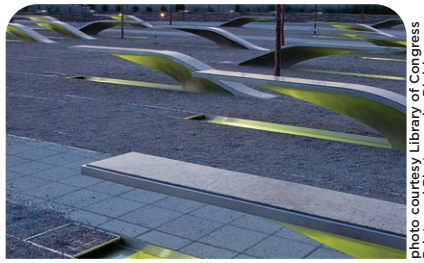


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marked with the name of a victim of this attack. Each bench is set over a lighted pool of water, so the light and water reflect off the benches.

Flight 93 memorial

The Flight 93 National Memorial in Shanksville, Pennsylvania, includes a Wall of Names. This marble wall, which lies under the flight path of the plane, features the names of the 40 passengers and crew who were aboard that morning.



photo by Found5dollar

A Tower of Voices at the site, which stands 93 feet tall, has 40 wind chimes, one for each victim.

Resources



On the Web:

- bit.ly/MPSept11

At the library:

- "Branches of Hope: The 9/11 Survivor Tree" by Ann Magee
- "Immigrant, American, Survivor: A Little Boy Who Grew Up To Be All Three" by William Jimeno and Charles Ricciardi

Try 'n' Find

Words that remind us of Sept. 11 are hidden in this puzzle. Some words are hidden backward, and some letters are used twice. See if you can find:

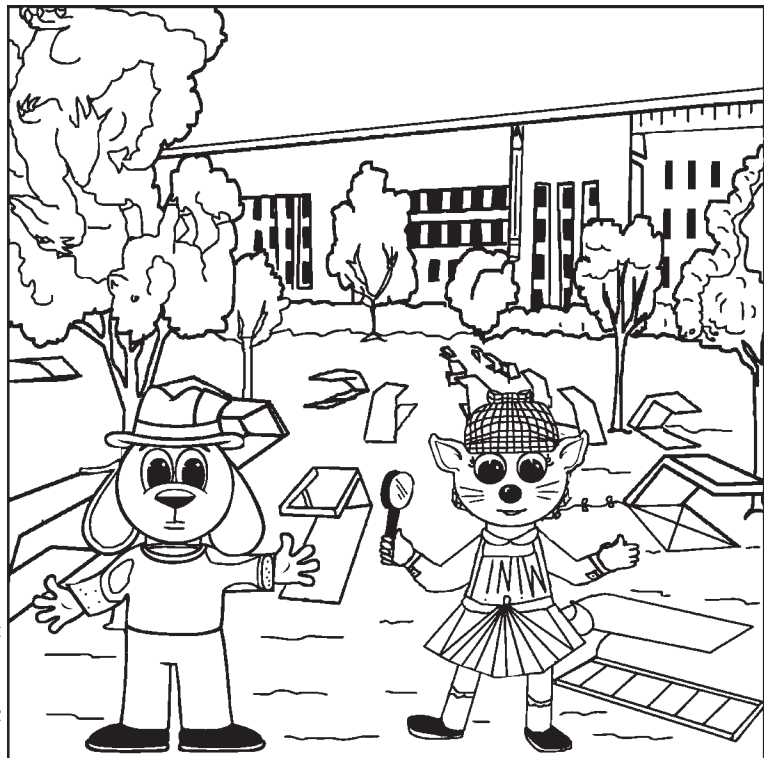


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Mini Spy Classics

Mini Spy and her friends are visiting the 9/11 Memorial at the Pentagon. See if you can find the hidden pictures. Then color the picture.



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- kite
- caterpillar
- pencil
- word MINI
- dragon
- sheep
- ruler
- fan
- ladder
- watering can
- letter A
- number 2
- basket

Mini Jokes



- Jimmy:** Why are dogs afraid when they go to the animal hospital?
Jane: They might have to get a CAT scan!

Eco Note



Sulfur-crested cockatoos in southeastern Australia have learned to open trash bins with their beaks, and now others are copying them. The birds have learned to grab a bin lid with their beaks, pry it open, then shuffle far enough along the edge to cause the lid to fall backward, revealing the tasty trash. They are causing a growing mess by flinging out the rubbish they don't want to eat.

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For later:

Look in your newspaper for articles about local or national events that will memorialize the 20th anniversary of 9/11.

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