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## The Day the World Changed: September 11, 2001

On a clear, sunny Tuesday morning in September 2001, something happened that changed the world forever. This day, known as September 11th or 9/11, is a day that many people will never forget. It is a day when people saw bravery, kindness, and courage in the face of great tragedy.

On September 11, 2001, four airplanes were hijacked by a group of terrorists. These terrorists were part of a group called al-Qaeda. Their plan was to crash the planes into important buildings in the United States. Two of the planes were flown into the Twin Towers of the World Trade Center in New York City. These towers were very tall and full of people who worked in offices. When the planes hit, the towers caught fire, and soon after, both towers collapsed.

A third plane was flown into the Pentagon, which is a big building in Virginia where many important decisions about the military are made. The fourth plane, however, never reached its target. The passengers on this plane, United Airlines Flight 93, learned what was happening and fought back against the hijackers. The plane crashed into a field in Pennsylvania, but the passengers' bravery saved many lives by preventing it from hitting another building.

The events of 9/11 were very sad and frightening. Nearly 3,000 people died that day, including firefighters, police officers, and ordinary people who tried to help others. However, 9/11 also showed the world how strong and united people can be in difficult times. People from all over the country came together to help those who were affected by the attacks. Many firefighters, police officers, and other rescue workers became heroes by risking their lives to save others.

After 9/11, the United States made changes to try to prevent something like this from happening again. Airports have stricter security, and the government works hard to find and stop terrorists before they can hurt people.

September 11th is now remembered each year as a day to honor the people who lost their lives and to think about the bravery of those who helped others. It is a day to remember that even in the darkest times, there is hope, courage, and kindness in the world.

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# September 11: A Day We Remember

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2. Why do we remember September 11th now? \_\_\_\_\_

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