

## September 11, 2001

1 Ten years ago on September 11, a group of men took over two planes and flew them into the  
2 World Trade Center, a pair of skyscrapers in downtown Manhattan. (New York City) After  
3 several enormous explosions, both buildings collapsed, killing many people. On that same day,  
4 two additional planes were hijacked by the same group. One was flown into the Pentagon in  
5 Washington, DC, while the other crashed in a field in Pennsylvania killing all on board.  
6 Though it was never proven, that last plane was thought to be on its way to the White House or  
7 the Capitol.

8 In the days after 9/11, people in New York City came together to console and support each  
9 other during this difficult time. They set up impromptu memorials to remember the victims,  
10 including some that called for peace and no war. People from other parts of the country,  
11 including children and young people, sent cards and gifts, and some came to the city to help  
12 out. At the same time, some people were threatened and attacked because other people thought  
13 they looked like those who were behind the attacks. Political leaders, including then President  
14 George W. Bush, cautioned that 9/11 should not be an excuse for discriminating against  
15 anybody. The site where the buildings came down has been known as Ground Zero ever since.  
16 It has become a place for people to go and honor and remember those who were killed that day.

### Appendix 15b1