



### 9/11 ANNIVERSARY DIGITAL LEARNING EXPERIENCE GLOSSARY

Advocacy: Public support for or recommendation of a particular cause or policy.

Al-Qaeda: An international Islamist extremist terrorist network responsible for the 9/11 attacks; al-Qaeda was responsible for multiple terrorist attacks since their founding by Osama bin Laden and others in the 1980s.

Basic Training: The initial period of training for new military personnel.

Command Post: A post at which the commander of a unit in the field receives orders and exercises command.

Department of Defense: The government agency that oversees the U.S. military.

Debris: The remains of something that has been broken or destroyed.

Deploy: Move troops or equipment into position for military action.

Drywall: A type of material often used to create the interior walls of buildings. The wall that Jan needed to cut through to escape the elevator was made out of drywall.

FDNY: Fire Department of New York. 343 FDNY firefighters were killed on 9/11.

**First Responders:** Uniformed officers, like firefighters, police officers, and emergency medical technicians (EMTs), who are trained to help in an emergency. 9/11 was the largest mobilization of emergency personnel in American history, and thousands of first responders rushed to the World Trade Center to help.

Fort Hood: U.S. Army base located in Texas.

Hijack: To take control by force.

Marriott Hotel: A hotel located in between the Twin Towers at the original World Trade Center. Also known as 3 World Trade Center.

Memoir: A nonfiction account written about someone's own life, memories, or experiences.

Mosque: A Muslim place of worship.

Paramedics: Health care professionals who treat injuries in any location necessary. They typically work in an ambulance.

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## **GLOSSARY CONTINUED**

Pedestrian Walkway: A dedicated path for people to walk, usually connecting buildings and streets. In 2001, there were pedestrian walkways that spanned above the street from the World Trade Center to nearby buildings.

Pentagon: The headquarters of the United States Department of Defense in Washington DC which was struck by flight 77 at 9:37 AM. The name comes from the five-sided shape of the building.

Plaza: A large, open area in between the World Trade Center buildings.

Port Authority of New York & New Jersey: An agency run by New York and New Jersey that oversees many facilities shared by the two states, including airports, bridges, tunnels, and the World Trade Center. The Port Authority also has its own police department, the Port Authority Police Department (PAPD). 37 PAPD officers were killed on 9/11.

Resilience: The ability to recover from difficult situations.

Rubble: The remains of a building after its destruction. Similar to debris.

Sky lobby: A transfer area, located on the 44th and 78th floors in the North and South Towers, that allowed workers in the building to switch between express and local elevators.

Squeegee: A tool used to clean windows.

Terrorist: A person who uses violence and fear, especially against civilians, to force people or countries into taking certain action.

Tour of Duty: A period of military service.

(Training) Range: A location where individuals receive military training.

Trauma: Overwhelming emotional pain caused by a scary, sad, or upsetting experience. Trauma can also refer to the experience itself (for example, a traumatic experience).

V.A. (Veteran's Affairs) Benefits: The department of Veterans Affairs, known as the V.A., provides support for veterans after their service by providing benefits such as healthcare.

World Trade Center: A 16-acre complex in lower Manhattan that contained seven buildings, a large plaza, and an underground shopping mall that connected six of the buildings. The Twin Towers were the centerpiece of complex.

## **MAPS**



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#### **NEW YORK CITY MAP**

- 1: Manhattan
- 2: Brooklyn
- 3: Queens
- 4: Bronx
- 5: Staten Island

Location in brown represents JFK airport.

# PRE-9/11 WORLD TRADE CENTER MAP

**1 WTC:** North Tower

2 WTC: South Tower