

Topic: 9/11 affected people everywhere

Abstract: 9/11 was a huge event that affected all of us. Although many of us were not involved we could still feel for those who lost loved ones and we can understand their pain. In some way, each and every one of us relate to the feelings of many people had on that day.

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### What happened?

I was about 11 years old in 4<sup>th</sup> grade; it was just a normal school day the same as any other day would be. But it so happened that a major catastrophe had happened. I did not find out until I had arrived at my grandma's house I just saw my parents and family around the TV watching to see what was the outcome. It turned out that there was a plane crash that hit the building. Hundreds of people were killed by the plane crash, fire, jumping out of the high building, or were trapped. This was something big an event that would change many people.

A plane had hit the twin towers many people were shocked but afterwards seeing a second plane hit could not be an accident or mistake this had to be a terrorist attack on the twin towers. This devastating event caused massive deaths from the plane crash, fire, smoke that was being produced from the burning material causing many to suffocate, and from people jumping hoping that they would be safe and rather jump then to suffocate.

Talking about this before and having read more about to help refresh my memory the planes served to ignite the fires and the tanks were carrying about 10,000 gallons of fuel then the 24,000. If it would have been full with the 24,000 the damage could have been way more devastating. The fuel was burned off within 5 minutes but was said to help ignite the fires. The fires started to grow suffocating. Some were able to make it out safely. The fire did not reach to

The top of the building the people were still alive but they would have no chance they were alive as the building exploded.

The planes had started the fire and as the fire increased so did the damage and people who were killed. People about the plane crashes were not able to leave because the fires and having crashed area were they could try to get down. Causing many to jump for their lives hoping that they would survive the jump and not be tortured by the smoke. Having to be there watching many people jump off and just being there when it happened must have affected their lives greatly you can't imagine how they felt. Seeing people die and jump to their death that's something that would change you. You couldn't help but only watch and pray that people would come out safe.

The south tower had collapsed killing not only the people inside but people out in the street unable to out run the falling rubble. In the north tower as it exploded it killed the people inside and the hundreds of emergency responders going in to help as many people as they could. They went in not knowing what would happen but to go in and help save lives. Those people are heroes and should never be forgotten. They could have just stayed away and think about themselves and not help. They thought about the people before themselves.

People from around different places went to go offer support and help because as you could imagine many people would need help they got hurt. Lots of people were hurt they all can't go to the same hospital so lots of nurses, doctors, and fire fighters (that I believe I hope I am not wrong but this is from what I remember that happened 10 years ago) went to go help. These people were truly patriotic to help their country out.

As a kid I thought to myself this isn't so big but I was wrong this impacted many people around the United States everyone was connected in one way to what had happened. Whether it was a friend family member or a friend's friend everyone was somehow connected to this. I remember finding out that the pilot of the plane was a girl's brother from Hollister area. I just thought to myself damn this effected people from all the way over here.

After hearing about this I was scared to ride in planes even though what would the odds be that something like this would happen again in time. Even though at that time my parents had been thinking about going to Mexico in a plane but it never happened. After this many people were traumatized and didn't feel safe to ride in planes security in airports increased to help from something like this happening again in the future.

Everyone was somehow affected. I may not have been tearing or anything but I did feel bad for the ones who lost someone close to them. I felt bad because many lost an aunt, uncle, mom, dad, brother, sister, a friend, a loved one... I felt their pain because thinking about losing someone is hard alone but it actually happening. If would have lost someone in an accident or in something like this I would be changed and affected greatly.

This was just something big it was played on the news a lot to show updates on what was happening. I remember that I heard the president found out and was reading a book to a class and he just sat there and finished reading the book instead of taking action. But I could understand that he didn't want to be rude but this was something that was bigger than reading to the little kids he could have went another day. Those are just most of the things that I remember about 9/11 attack. This event was something that I remember with my family even though they lived through other historical events but this is one that we share.

You may ask why I chose this over someone else and another historical event. I chose this event because it's something I lived through and was old enough to understand what was happening. I could have chosen family and immigrating to United States for work or my parents in the 1989 earthquake. I wanted to do it on something that I lived something that I've seen. No I wasn't there but I remember seeing it on the news later that day. I wanted to choose something that the class lived through they were either in the same grade or in a higher grade but they remember this when it has happened. What was the experience that intersected with this historical event was simply going to school every day to learn that's an experience that we have every day when we learn experiencing a new topic that's how I looked at this. It was also my first experience seeing something this big happen on TV and in my life that I could recall.

Even though I was not affected directly I could still feel the pain people felt for losing someone important to them. I have lost many important people in my life I too knew that feeling you feel life will not be the same without them. But you learn to cope with it later on. Going through the first year will probably be the difficultist to go through because they won't be there for their birthday or holidays. Everyone can feel for the loses of everyone, not only did people lose important people in this catastrophe but many of them lost family and friends because of the war after. There were causes and effects that happen because of this. People had to go to war and more people were killed because of it. Lots of people can be connected to this event because everyone either knew of someone who went to war or knew someone who lost somebody during the twin towers attack.

This event will never be forgotten because it has affected a lot of people and. Innocent people were killed. Emergency responder's heroes that saved many and died trying to save others. This event led to many more death and people's lives were changed. The war recruited

lots of people to join the army and many were killed and saw the brutality the war holds. This event is one that many people know about and is honored on 9/11 to remember what had happened. Many of us could relate to the feelings that they had on that day