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Today is September 11, 2002. Exactly one year ago today almost to the hour 4 U.S. planes were taken over by Al Qaida terrorists. One plane was flown into the Pentagon, another which was on route to the United States Capital building crashed in a field in Pennsylvania. Passengers aboard the plane regained control and prevented the terrorists from destroying the capital building and killing even more people. The other two planes were flown into each of the twin towers of the world trade. When these events took place it was a Tuesday morning. We were told in our second period classes to turn on our TV's to see what happened. I remember seeing reruns over and over of the planes hitting the buildings. All you could see were enormous amounts of fire and smoke. You could actually see people trapped in the buildings jumping out live almost 100 stories up. It is a day that will not be forgotten by anyone who witnessed it. The worst sight was in my third period class where we had the TV on once again. Many of us were huddled around the television wondering what would happen next. The next thing we knew we saw one building crumble and fall to the ground. Not long after the second building did the same. In all well over 3,000 people died. Although it is one of the saddest days in U.S. history some good came out of it. President Bush encouraged people to stand together, continue living your lives, and to be strong. The very next day all you could see were flags everywhere. It made everyone have a better appreciation of life and each other. Flags were on cars, houses, anything you could think of. People who had differences forgave each other, people you've never spoken to before encouraged each other. The terrorists thought they pulled us apart. They only succeeded in bringing us together.