



Did 9/11 mark the end of 'America's Century'?

Historical Skills

We will be focusing on why the War on Terror happened (cause) and its impact (consequences).



What words/phrases will help me use this skill?

This led to...
Because of this...
Consequently...
Therefore...

Words we will need to know

1. **Terrorism** – The use of violence or threats, especially against civilians, to create fear and achieve political, religious, or ideological aims.
2. **Al-Qaeda** – A militant Islamist terrorist organization founded by Osama bin Laden, responsible for the 9/11 attacks in the United States.
3. **9/11 (September 11, 2001)** – Terrorist attacks in which hijackers crashed planes into the World Trade Center in New York and the Pentagon in Washington D.C., killing nearly 3,000 people.
4. **Jihad** – An Arabic word meaning "struggle." In Islam it can mean personal or spiritual struggle, but extremist groups misuse it to justify violence.
5. **Taliban** – An Islamist group that ruled Afghanistan from the 1990s until 2001, and again after 2021, known for strict laws and harboring Al-Qaeda.
6. **Invasion of Afghanistan (2001)** – A U.S.-led military operation to remove the Taliban from power and dismantle Al-Qaeda bases after 9/11.
7. **Invasion of Iraq (2003)** – U.S. and British-led forces removed Saddam Hussein, claiming he had weapons of mass destruction (WMDs), though none were found.

Where are we learning about?



Who are we learning about?

- George W. Bush** – The president of the United States during the 9/11 bombings.
Osama Bin Laden – The leader of Al Qaeda who took responsibility for the attacks.
Saddam Hussein – The leader and dictator of Iraq during the Iraq war.
Barack Obama – The successor of George Bush who became president next.
NATO – The North Atlantic Treaty Organisation
The United Nations – A collection of nations set up after WW2 with the aim of ensuring global peace.
Khalid Sheikh Mohammed – The man responsible for planning the 9/11 attacks in 2001.
Tony Blair – The Prime Minister of the UK during the 9/11 and 7.7 attacks.
Mohammad Sidique Khan - The man responsible for planning the 7.7 bombings in 2005.

What was going on in the wider world?

The Global Financial Crisis (2007–2008) – Banks collapsed, housing markets crashed, and millions lost jobs worldwide. This was one of the biggest economic crises since the Great Depression.
The Arab Spring (2010–2011) – A wave of protests and uprisings across the Middle East and North Africa, where people demanded democracy, freedom, and an end to corruption.



Which Catholic teachings does this link to?

Dignity of the Human Person – The belief that, as all humans are created in God's image, all people should be treated with dignity and respect.
Solidarity – Understanding how different groups have worked in co-operation against terrorism worldwide.

How can we learn more at home?

<https://www.georgewbushlibrary.gov/research/topic-guides/global-war-terror>

<https://2001-2009.state.gov/s/ct/rls/wh/6947.htm>

<https://www.iwm.org.uk/history/what-were-the-911-terrorist-attacks>