**TERRORISM ON U.S. SOIL FAST FACTS**

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| **World Trade Center Attack:****Who:** Four men from Pakistan, Kuwait, Egypt, and Palestine plotted to bring down the World Trade Center and all of its inhabitants, 250,000 people.**What:** The men filled a Ryder truck with a bomb and then drove the truck into a pillar of Tower 1 hoping it would collapse and fall into Tower 2. The explosion created a hole 200 feet by 100 feet, several stories deep. Six people were actually killed and 1,000 people injured.**When:** Feb. 26, 1993**Where:** New York City**Why:** The men were protesting the U.S support of Israel and the suffering of the Palestinians. One man was linked to Al-Qaeda, a terrorist organization.***Source:****1993 World Trade Center bombing. (2017). In Wikipedia. Retrieved from https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/1993\_World\_Trade\_Center\_bombing* | **The Murrah Building Bombing:****Who**: Two ex-U.S. soldiers, Timothy McVeigh and Terry Nichols, carried out the bombing, and two accomplices, ex-soldier Michael Fortier and his wife, Lori Fortier, were later identified.**What:** A Ryder truck filled with explosives was driven into the Murrah Federal Building to kill the workers; 168 people were killed, including children of a daycare located within the building.**When:** April 19, 1995**Where:** Oklahoma City**Why:** The men believed that the federal government was carrying out attacks on innocent citizens for “the right to bear arms,” the Second Amendment. They were upset by the FBI raid on the Branch Davidian group in Waco and the FBI standoff with Randy Weaver, a survivalist and right-wing extremist.***Sources:*** *Clay, N. (1997). McVeigh didn’t hide anger over Waco. Retrieved from http://newsok.com/article/2572417**History.com Staff. (2009). Oklahoma City bombing.**Retrieved from http://www.history.com/topics/oklahoma-city-bombing**Oklahoma City National Memorial & Museum. (2017). The numbers. Oklahoma City National Memorial Museum. Retrieved from https://oklahomacitynationalmemorial.org/press-room/press-kit/the-numbers/* |
| **September 11, 2001 Attacks:****Who:** Nineteen men from the Al-Qaeda terrorist organization hijacked four commercial airplanes to crash into prearranged targets at a specific time.**What:** Two planes were crashed into the World Trade Center bringing both towers down. A third plane crashed into the Pentagon. The passengers of the fourth plane fought back, and the plane crashed in a field killing the passengers. There were 2,753 people killed in New York, 184 people were killed at the Pentagon, and all 40 passengers were killed on the fourth plane.**When:** September 11, 2001**Where:** New York City, Washington, D. C., and a field near Washington, D. C. **Why:** “Al-Qaeda hoped that, by attacking these symbols of American power, they would promote widespread fear throughout the country and severely weaken the United States’ standing in the world, ultimately supporting their political and religious goals in the Middle East and Muslim World.”***Source:****9/11 Memorial Museum. (2017). FAQ about 9/11. Retrieved from https://www.911memorial.org/faq-about-911* | **Boston Marathon Attack:****Who:** Two brothers, Tamerlan Tsarnaev and Dzhokhar Tsarnaev who had emigrated with their parents to the United States as young children. One brother, Dzhokkar, became an American citizen. The other brother maintained his Russian and Kyrgyzstan citizenships, despite becoming a permanent U.S. resident. Both brothers were Muslims.**What:** Two bombs, placed in backpacks, were detonated near the finish line of the Boston Marathon. The bombs killed three people, including a child, and injured 264**.** **When:** April 15, 2013**Where:** Boston, Massachusetts**Why:** Reports claim that, according to the surviving brother, Dzkhokhar, the two were inspired to do this, in part, by watching radical sermons online.According to a note written by Dzkhokhar on the interior of the boat he was eventually caught hiding in, the bombing was "retribution for U.S. military action in Afghanistan and Iraq."***Sources:****Boston marathon bombing. (n.d.). In Wikipedia. Retrieved from https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Boston\_Marathon\_bombing**Tamerlan Tsarnaev. (n.d.). In Wikipedia. Retrieved from https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Tamerlan\_Tsarnaev* |