

The United States Presidential Election of 1992

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In 1992, a presidential election was held that included an _____

candidate who won almost _____ percent of the vote. That was the

largest percentage a third-party candidate had received in _____ years.

The _____ Party had George H.W. Bush, the current president at the

time, planning to run for reelection. When George H.W. Bush was _____

in 1988, he had promised he would do his best not to _____ taxes. He

won the election. However, in 1990, because of a budget _____ that was

continually _____, he raised taxes, causing many hard feelings with his

supporters. As a _____, when President George H.W. Bush campaigned

for the Republican nomination for the 1992 election, he had a strong _____

from Pat Buchanan. He did win the Republican nomination and _____

for reelection.

The _____ campaign was undecided for a good deal of time. The Iowa caucuses were skipped. Bill Clinton _____ to be the front runner, however, he almost lost early on because of news of an _____ affair he had that had lasted almost _____ years. Also running for the Democratic nomination were Senator Tom _____ of Iowa, former Governor of California Jerry _____, and former Senator Paul Tsongas of Massachusetts. Paul _____ dropped out in March. Finally, on June 2, Bill Clinton won enough _____ to secure the nomination when he was victorious over Jerry Brown in _____ and many other states.

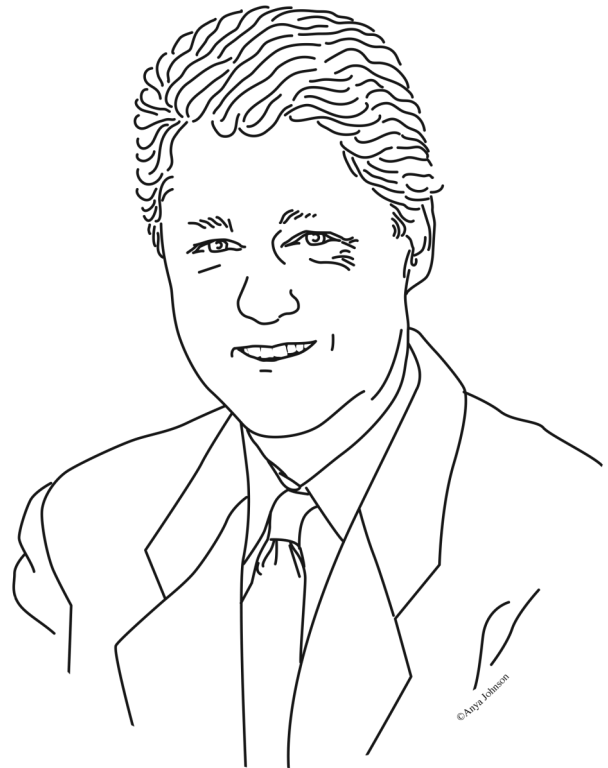
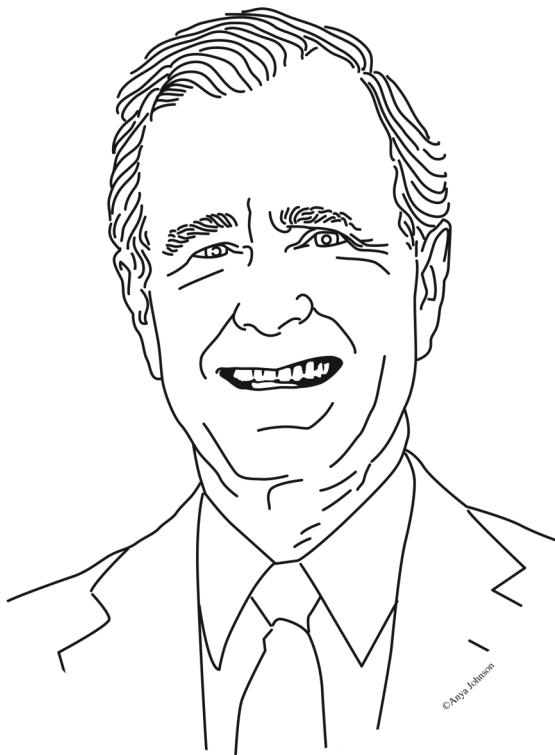
Because of the _____ following Bill Clinton and the problems with the economy President George H.W. Bush was facing, Ross _____, a _____, announced he would run as a third-party candidate. He asked supporters to help him get on the _____ in all fifty states and was very

popular in the beginning. He _____ dropped out of the race for a time and then _____. The candidates chose their running mates. Bill Clinton chose Al _____, a senator from _____. President Bush chose his vice president Dan _____. Ross Perot chose Admiral James _____.

The issues debated included the North American Free Trade _____. The agreement was _____ by President Bush and Bill Clinton, but it was opposed by Ross Perot. Another problem was the _____ debt, which Ross Perot wanted to _____.

In the final _____ on November 3, 1992, Bill Clinton won the election over _____ President George H.W. Bush.

Agreement	deficit	incumbent	Republican
appeared	delegates	independent	result
ballot	Democratic	national	scandals
Brown	eighty	nineteen	Stockdale
businessman	election	nominated	supported
California	eliminate	Perot	Tennessee
campaigned	extra-marital	Quayle	Tsongas
challenge	Gore	raise	twelve
climbing	Harkin	rejoined	unexpectedly



Give a short summary of the life of Pat Buchanan, including his political background before becoming a candidate in the Republican primaries.

Give a short summary of the life of Bill Clinton, including his political background before becoming a candidate in the Democratic primaries.

Give a short summary of the life of Iowa senator Tom Harkin, including his political background before becoming a candidate in the Democratic primaries.

Give a short summary of the life of former California governor Jerry Brown, including his political background before becoming a candidate in the Democratic primaries.

Give a short summary of the life of former Massachusetts senator Paul Tsongas, including his political background before becoming a candidate in the Democratic primaries.

Give a short summary of the life of third-party candidate Ross Perot, including his political background before becoming a candidate in the election of 1992.

Give a short summary of the life of Al Gore, including his political background before becoming a candidate for Vice President in the election of 1992.

Give a short summary of the life of Dan Quayle, including his political background before becoming a candidate for Vice President in the election of 1992.

Give a short summary of the life of Admiral James Stockdale, including his political background before becoming a candidate for Vice President in the election of 1992.

<p>For what party did Ross Perot and James Stockdale run?</p>	<p>What nickname did Bill Clinton give himself during the primary campaign?</p>
<p>What was the abbreviation for the North American Free Trade Agreement?</p>	<p>Who were the three countries involved in the North American Free Trade Agreement?</p>
<p>Who were the leaders of the countries involved in negotiating the North American Free Trade Agreement?</p>	
<p>Give a short description of what the North American Free Trade Agreement was and how it was supposed to help those involved.</p>	

World Trade Center Bombing of 1993

The year 1993 saw a terrorist attack on the World Trade Center. Fill in the blanks by choosing the correct word from the word box to learn more about the World Trade Center bombing of 1993.

On _____ 26, 1993, the World Trade Center in New York City, New York, was the site of a _____ attack that had been planned many months _____.

Before _____ 1, 1992, Ahmad Ajaj and Ramzi _____ came to the United States from _____. Ahmad Ajaj was detained by _____ agents because they could tell his _____

passport was false. They _____ his suitcase and found bombing manuals and anti-American _____. Ahmad Ajaj ended up in jail. Ramzi Yousef had an _____ passport with a false name on it. He requested political asylum.

He was arrested because he entered the United States without a _____ but was _____ on his word and allowed into the country.

Although Ahmad Ajaj was in _____, Ramzi Yousef continued to work on

their plan. On _____ 1, 1992, he moved into a rented room in Jersey City, New Jersey, with Mohammad Salameh. Mohammad Salameh _____ a _____, and the two men began buying materials to make bombs and _____ them in the locker. They were also storing dangerous amounts of _____ gas in the locker. On _____ 1, 1993, Mohammad Salameh rented a _____ apartment in Jersey City to use to construct bombs. During the next several weeks, they put together a _____ weighing 1,500 _____ (680 kilograms). Mohammad Salameh also used his time to _____ the World Trade Center, and Ramzi Yousef got in touch with another _____, Eyad Ismoil, who came to New York just before the _____.

The FBI and the New York _____ Terrorism Task Force had been tracing Islamic _____ for months, but they had not been able to get the proof

they needed. They would learn later that they had been very _____.

On February 23, 1993, Mohammad Salameh rented a van and then _____

it stolen two days later. The group bought several tanks of _____ gas and

put them into the _____, which already contained the bomb, to make the

_____ even larger.

Early in the _____ of February 26, 1993, another man, Mahmud

Abouhalima, who was working with the first _____, filled his car and the

rented van with gas. The four men then drove to Lower _____ and left

the van in the _____ garage of the World Trade Center complex. The

explosives _____ at 12:17 p.m.

Mohammad Salameh went to the _____ where he had rented the van

and tried to claim his _____ for the van he said was stolen. He was told to

come back later. That evening, Ramzi Yousef left for _____, Pakistan, and

Eyad Ismoil left for _____.

The _____ began receiving phone calls claiming responsibility for the bombing and ended up receiving more than _____ total phone calls of that nature. There were also a few fake bomb _____ for other targets in New York City. The _____ suspected of being behind the bombings were _____ al-Qaddafi, the leader of Libya, and Saddām _____ of Iraq. Saddām Hussein was the chief suspect because the bombing happened exactly two years after his _____ by United States forces in Kuwait.

The FBI continued investigating. Within _____ days, they found a piece of the van's _____ that had its vehicle identification number on it. By tracing the _____, the authorities went to the rental agency in Jersey City. On _____ 4, 1993, when Mohammad Salameh went back to claim his refund, he was _____ by the FBI. The rental agreement Mohammad Salameh had

with him contained _____ of bomb _____ and the address of the apartment in _____. When the authorities went to the apartment, they found Rahman Yasin, who took them to the bomb _____. Rahman Yasin was not arrested and left for Iraq the next _____.

Mahmud Abouhalima, who had helped with the bomb _____, had tried to go to Saudi Arabia, but he was arrested in _____ on March 10, 1993, the same day another conspirator, Nidal Ayyad, was _____ and arrested in New _____.

Mohammad _____, Nidal Ayyad, Mahmud Abouhalima, and Bilal Alkaysi, who had turned himself in, were charged on _____ counts and held for trial. Ahmad Ajaj was also _____.

The _____ began on September 16, 1993. After many months, on March 4, 1994, Mohammad Salameh, Nidal _____, Mahmud Abouhalima, and

Ahmad Ajaj were convicted. Each one was _____ to 240 years in prison.

After a _____ that lasted about two years, Ramzi Yousef was captured in Pakistan, and Eyad Ismoil was captured in Jordan in 1995. They were _____ and _____ late in 1997.

The bombing that was _____ to take down the World Trade Center killed six people and _____ over 1,000. The damage to the Center included a blast _____ six stories deep and 200 feet wide. While investigating this terrorist attack, the task force found that there was a _____ terrorist plot that involved bombing several landmarks in New _____, including the _____ Tunnel, the Lincoln Tunnel, and the U.N. building. It was also learned that Ramzi Yousef had been planning to bomb about a _____ United States _____ flights. Khalid _____ Mohammed, Ramzi Yousef's _____, took a plan Ramzi Yousef had been working on to

turn _____ into missiles to Osama bin Laden in 1996. It is thought that after bin Laden _____ the plan, Khalid Sheikh Mohammed worked with him to plan the 2001 terrorist attack that took _____ the World Trade Center and killed more than 2,750 people in the _____ attack.

aircrafts	Egypt	Joint	residue
approved	eleven	Jordan	Salameh
arrested	explosion	Karachi	scout
authorities	factory	location	second
Ayyad	February	locker	sentenced
beforehand	fifty	Manhattan	September
bomb	found	manhunt	Sheikh
bombing	fundamentalists	March	storing
chassis	garage	meant	Swedish
close	governments	morning	terrorist
confiscated	Holland	Muammar	threats
conspirator	Hussein	number	three
convicted	hydrogen	October	traces
crater	immediate	Pakistan	trial
customs	indicted	parking	tried
cyanide	injured	plot	two
day	international	pounds	uncle
defeat	Iraqi	president	van
deposit	jail	propaganda	visa
detonated	January	released	York
down	Jersey	rented	Yousef
dozen	Jersey City	reported	

<p>When did construction begin on the original World Trade Center?</p>	<p>Who was the architect who designed the original World Trade Center?</p>
<p>When did tenants begin to occupy the first building of the World Trade Center?</p>	<p>When was the World Trade Center officially dedicated?</p>
<p>Approximately how much did it cost to build the World Trade Center?</p>	<p>How many buildings were part of the original World Trade Center?</p>
<p>What building finally overtook the World Trade Center as the world's tallest building?</p>	<p>Which of the terrorist suspects has not yet been caught?</p>

Winter Olympics in Lillehammer, Norway, in 1994

In 1994, the Winter Olympics were held just two years after the previous Winter Olympics. Find each letter in the graph and then write the letter on the line provided. Follow the directions for finding each letter. For example, if the directions say Across 4, Down 3, (A4-D3), follow the Down row 3 over to Across column 4 and find the letter e. In the instructions, we will use A for Across and D for Down.

Complete the decoding exercise to learn more about the Winter Olympics in Lillehammer, Norway, in 1994.

		Across				
		1	2	3	4	5
Down	1	j	d	i	w	z
	2	u	l	n	y	p
	3	k	x	o	e	m
	4	t	v	h	c	r
	5	g	a	f	b	s

In 1994, the Winter Olympic Games were held, just _____ years after they had been
A1-D4 A4-D1 A3-D3

held in Albertville, _____. An amendment to the Olympic Charter
A3-D5 A5-D4 A2-D5 A3-D2 A4-D4 A4-D3

had been passed in 1986. This _____ stated that the
A2-D5 A5-D3 A4-D3 A3-D2 A2-D1 A5-D3 A4-D3 A3-D2 A1-D4

_____ and Winter Olympic Games were to be held alternately, with
A5-D5 A1-D2 A5-D3 A5-D3 A4-D3 A5-D4

one _____ every two years. This amendment went
A3-D3 A4-D4 A4-D4 A1-D2 A5-D4 A5-D4 A3-D1 A3-D2 A1-D5

into _____ in 1994. Previously, the Winter and Summer Olympic
A4-D3 A3-D5 A3-D5 A4-D3 A4-D4 A1-D4

Games had both been held in the same year every _____ years. Lillehammer,
A3-D5 A3-D3 A1-D2 A5-D4

Norway, won the opportunity to _____ the games February 12-17, 1994.
A3-D4 A3-D3 A5-D5 A1-D4

Many things were different about this Olympics. The _____ Union
A5-D5 A3-D3 A2-D4 A3-D1 A4-D3 A1-D4

had broken up in 1991, and many _____ were
A4-D4 A3-D3 A1-D2 A3-D2 A1-D4 A5-D4 A3-D1 A4-D3 A5-D5

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competing as separate teams. _____
A5-D5 A3-D3 A1-D2 A1-D4 A3-D4 A2-D5 A3-D5 A5-D4 A3-D1 A4-D4 A2-D5

had ended _____ and was now participating. More
A2-D5 A5-D2 A2-D5 A5-D4 A1-D4 A3-D4 A4-D3 A3-D1 A2-D1

_____ were scheduled than usual.
A4-D3 A2-D4 A4-D3 A3-D2 A1-D4 A5-D5

There had also been a change in the _____ of the International Olympic
A5-D4 A1-D2 A2-D2 A4-D3 A5-D5

Committee regarding who could _____,
A5-D2 A2-D5 A5-D4 A1-D4 A3-D1 A4-D4 A3-D1 A5-D2 A2-D5 A1-D4 A4-D3

and _____ athletes were now
A5-D2 A5-D4 A3-D3 A3-D5 A4-D3 A5-D5 A5-D5 A3-D1 A3-D3 A3-D2 A2-D5 A2-D2

permitted. This allowed _____ champions who had turned professional to
A5-D2 A2-D5 A5-D5 A1-D4

compete, including such famous skaters as Brian _____,
A4-D5 A3-D3 A3-D1 A1-D4 A2-D5 A3-D2 A3-D3

Katarina _____, ice dancers Jayne _____ and
A4-D1 A3-D1 A1-D4 A1-D4 A1-D4 A3-D3 A5-D4 A2-D4 A3-D1 A2-D2 A2-D2

Christopher _____, and pairs skaters Ekaterina Gordeeva and Sergei Grinkov.
A2-D1 A4-D3 A2-D5 A3-D2

An unfortunate part of the games was a _____ between Tonya
A2-D1 A3-D1 A5-D5 A5-D2 A1-D2 A1-D4 A4-D3

_____ and Nancy _____.
A3-D4 A2-D5 A5-D4 A2-D1 A3-D1 A3-D2 A1-D5 A1-D3 A4-D3 A5-D4 A5-D4 A3-D1 A1-D5 A2-D5 A3-D2

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Approximately a _____ before the games occurred, Tonya Harding had
A5-D3 A3-D3 A3-D2 A1-D4 A3-D4

been accused of trying to _____ Nancy Kerrigan, and a lawsuit had
A3-D1 A3-D2 A1-D1 A1-D2 A5-D4 A4-D3

been filed against her. The _____ at the
A4-D4 A3-D3 A5-D3 A5-D2 A4-D3 A1-D4 A3-D1 A1-D4 A3-D1 A3-D3 A3-D2

games was not severely _____ by this because Tonya
A3-D1 A5-D3 A5-D2 A2-D5 A4-D4 A1-D4 A4-D3 A2-D1

Harding stumbled in her short program and finally finished in _____
A4-D3 A3-D1 A1-D5 A3-D4 A1-D4 A3-D4

place. Nancy Kerrigan skated beautifully but was _____
A2-D1 A4-D3 A3-D5 A4-D3 A2-D5 A1-D4 A4-D3 A2-D1

by a 16-year-old Ukrainian skater, Oksana _____.
A4-D5 A2-D5 A3-D1 A1-D2 A2-D2

In the Alpine skiing events, _____ Schneider of Switzerland became the
A2-D4 A5-D4 A4-D3 A3-D2 A3-D1

first female _____ skier to win three Olympic gold medals. She also
A2-D5 A2-D2 A5-D2 A3-D1 A3-D2 A4-D3

won a _____ medal and a _____ medal.
A5-D5 A3-D1 A2-D2 A2-D4 A4-D3 A5-D4 A4-D5 A5-D4 A3-D3 A3-D2 A5-D1 A4-D3

The _____ medals ever won for the country of Kazakhstan were won in
A3-D5 A3-D1 A5-D4 A5-D5 A1-D4

1994 by Vladimir _____, who won a gold and two silver medals
A5-D5 A5-D3 A3-D1 A5-D4 A3-D2 A3-D3 A2-D4

in cross-country _____.
A5-D5 A1-D3 A3-D1 A3-D1 A3-D2 A1-D5

<p>In what year(s) did Brian Boitano win a gold medal in the Winter Olympics? For what country?</p>	<p>In what place did Brian Boitano finish in the 1994 Winter Olympics?</p>
<p>In what year(s) did Katarina Witt win a gold medal in the Winter Olympics? For what country?</p>	<p>In what place did Katarina Witt finish in the 1994 Winter Olympics?</p>
<p>In what year(s) did ice dancers Jayne Torvill and Christopher Dean win a gold medal in the Winter Olympics? For what country?</p>	<p>In what place did ice dancers Jayne Torvill and Christopher Dean finish in the 1994 Winter Olympics?</p>
<p>In what year(s) did pairs skaters Ekaterina Gordeeva and Sergei Grinkov win a gold medal in the Winter Olympics? For what country?</p>	<p>In what place did pairs skaters Ekaterina Gordeeva and Sergei Grinkov finish in the 1994 Winter Olympics?</p>

On the map, mark the approximate location of Lillehammer, Norway.



On the map, mark the location of Kazakhstan, the country that won its first medals in the 1994 Winter Olympic Games.



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	5	g	a	f	b	s

In 1996, a United States presidential _____ was held in
A4-D3 A2-D2 A4-D3 A4-D4 A1-D4 A3-D1 A3-D3 A3-D2

which President Bill _____ ran for reelection against Bob Dole.
A4-D4 A2-D2 A3-D1 A3-D2 A1-D4 A3-D3 A3-D2

Democrat Bill Clinton had won his first _____ as President with only 43 percent
A1-D4 A4-D3 A5-D4 A5-D3

of the _____. Because of that and the fact that the Democrats had lost their
A2-D4 A3-D3 A1-D4 A4-D3

_____ in the House of Representatives in 1994 for the
A5-D3 A2-D5 A1-D1 A3-D3 A5-D4 A3-D1 A1-D4 A4-D2

_____ time since the 1950s, many believed that Bill Clinton would not win
A3-D5 A3-D1 A5-D4 A5-D5 A1-D4

a second term. In addition, his stand on _____ care had caused
A3-D4 A4-D3 A2-D5 A2-D2 A1-D4 A3-D4

many waves, and he had proposed a "Don't _____, Don't _____"
A2-D5 A5-D5 A1-D3 A1-D4 A4-D3 A2-D2 A2-D2

compromise that was _____ popular with some. However, in the campaign for the
A3-D2 A3-D3 A1-D4

nomination, there was little _____ for
A3-D3 A5-D2 A5-D2 A3-D3 A5-D5 A3-D1 A1-D4 A3-D1 A3-D3 A3-D2

President Clinton. His running mate was Vice President Al _____.
A1-D5 A3-D3 A5-D4 A4-D3

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	2	u	l	n	y	p
	3	k	q	o	e	m
	4	t	v	h	c	r
	5	g	a	f	b	s

Within the _____ Party, however, there were
A5-D4 A4-D3 A5-D2 A1-D2 A4-D5 A2-D2 A3-D1 A4-D4 A2-D5 A3-D2

many candidates for the nomination. Former Senator Bob _____ from Kansas,
A2-D1 A3-D3 A2-D2 A4-D3

businessman Steve _____, former governor Lamar
A3-D5 A3-D3 A5-D4 A4-D5 A4-D3 A5-D5

_____ from Tennessee, former diplomat Alan
A2-D5 A2-D2 A4-D3 A5-D1 A2-D5 A3-D2 A2-D1 A4-D3 A5-D4

_____, and Pat _____ ran. Bob Dole
A1-D3 A4-D3 A4-D2 A4-D3 A5-D5 A4-D5 A1-D2 A4-D4 A3-D4 A2-D5 A3-D2 A2-D5 A3-D2

started out _____, with Pat Buchanan and Steve Forbes being his
A5-D5 A2-D2 A3-D3 A4-D1 A2-D2 A4-D2

biggest _____. However, from the primaries in March and onward,
A5-D4 A3-D1 A2-D4 A2-D5 A2-D2 A5-D5

Bob Dole took the _____, ending with the Republican nomination. He chose
A2-D2 A4-D3 A2-D5 A2-D1

Jack _____ to be is running mate.
A1-D3 A4-D3 A5-D3 A5-D2

Also running for President was Ross _____ with the Reform Party and
A5-D2 A4-D3 A5-D4 A3-D3 A1-D4

Ralph _____ with the Green Party.
A3-D2 A2-D5 A2-D1 A4-D3 A5-D4

As the _____ began recovering from its slump, Bill Clinton's
A4-D3 A4-D4 A3-D3 A3-D2 A3-D3 A5-D3 A4-D2

popularity grew. Bill Clinton and Al Gore won the election.

Give a short summary of the life of former Kansas senator Bob Dole, including his political background before becoming a candidate in the Republican primaries.

Give a short summary of the life of businessman Steve Forbes, including his political background before becoming a candidate in the Republican primaries.

Give a short summary of the life of former Tennessee governor Lamar Alexander, including his political background before becoming a candidate in the Republican primaries.

Give a short summary of the life of former diplomat Alan Keyes, including his political background before becoming a candidate in the Republican primaries.

Give a short summary of the life of Ralph Nader, including his political background before becoming a candidate for President in the election of 1996.

Give a short summary of the life of Jack Kemp, including his political background before becoming a candidate for Vice President in the election of 1996.

The Columbine High School Shootings of 1999

In 1999, students and teachers of the Columbine High School were targeted in a horrific attack. Fill in the blanks by choosing the correct word from the word box to learn more about the Columbine High School shootings of 1999.

Please note: Sources do not all agree on the reasons why the students decided to attack the high school.

In April 1999, the worst _____ shooting to that time in United States

history occurred in _____, Colorado. Two friends, _____

Klebold, age 17, and _____ Harris, age 18, who both came from upper

middle-class _____, spent much time together. They were seniors at

_____ High School in Littleton and enjoyed doing things together such as

watching _____ on TV and going bowling.

Unfortunately, they also played _____ video games and were fascinated

with _____ Hitler. They stole _____, were convicted,

and served time in a _____ program where they attended anger-

management classes and finally were able to show good _____ in a

community _____ program.

They were part of a _____ who called themselves the "Trench Coat _____" and felt they were outsiders. They often had _____ on their clothes. In the _____ of 1998, they began planning some sort of violent action that would end in their _____.

They began _____ guns. They got some from a friend who had bought the guns _____ at a gun show and another from a former student who _____ it to them after purchasing it at a gun show. On the day before the Columbine shooting, the former student also sold them _____.

They ultimately decided to _____ Columbine High School. They figured out the time of day when the most _____ would be in certain parts of the school. They set the _____ for April 20, Adolf Hitler's birthday.

At the _____ time, near lunch time for many at the school, the boys came through the doors, shooting as they went. There were _____, which

students first thought were a _____ or something going on at the science

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labs. As the students realized what was going on, many began to _____.

The shooters continued down the _____, laughing and shooting as they

went. Fire _____ went off, and students gave first aid where they could.

Police, _____, and firefighters responded and tried to assess the situation

and how to help. _____ also gathered. Inside the school, the shooters

entered the _____ and found it full of students. The killing continued.

Some students escaped from the school, and _____ began taking the

wounded to hospitals. _____ led many to buses, telling them to keep

their hands on their heads as they _____ to assess the situation. The

students were also _____ in case the shooters were trying to escape. The

students on the buses were identified, and their families were _____.

Back at the school, a _____ who had been _____ twice

managed to stay _____ as the students tried to help him, but he died

within _____ of the paramedics reaching him.

Finally, as the authorities were able to _____ the school, they found the

bodies of _____ students in the library. In addition, the teacher who was

shot twice died, as did the two shooters, who _____ suicide.

It was concluded that the _____ fired more than 900 rounds of

ammunition and set more than _____ bombs throughout the school and

even in some of the _____ in the parking lot, which police _____.

There were also more than twenty-three students _____, many

_____.

access	Columbine	electronics	legally	purchasing	students
Adolf	committed	Eric	library	rehab	suicides
alarms	conscious	explosions	Littleton	reporters	swastikas
ambulances	continued	families	Mafia	school	teacher
ammunition	critically	frisked	minutes	service	thirty
behavior	date	group	notified	shot	twelve
bomb	defused	hallways	officials	sold	violent
cars	designated	hide	paramedics	spring	wounded
cartoons	Dylan	killers	prank		

How did the tragedy at Columbine High School change school security?

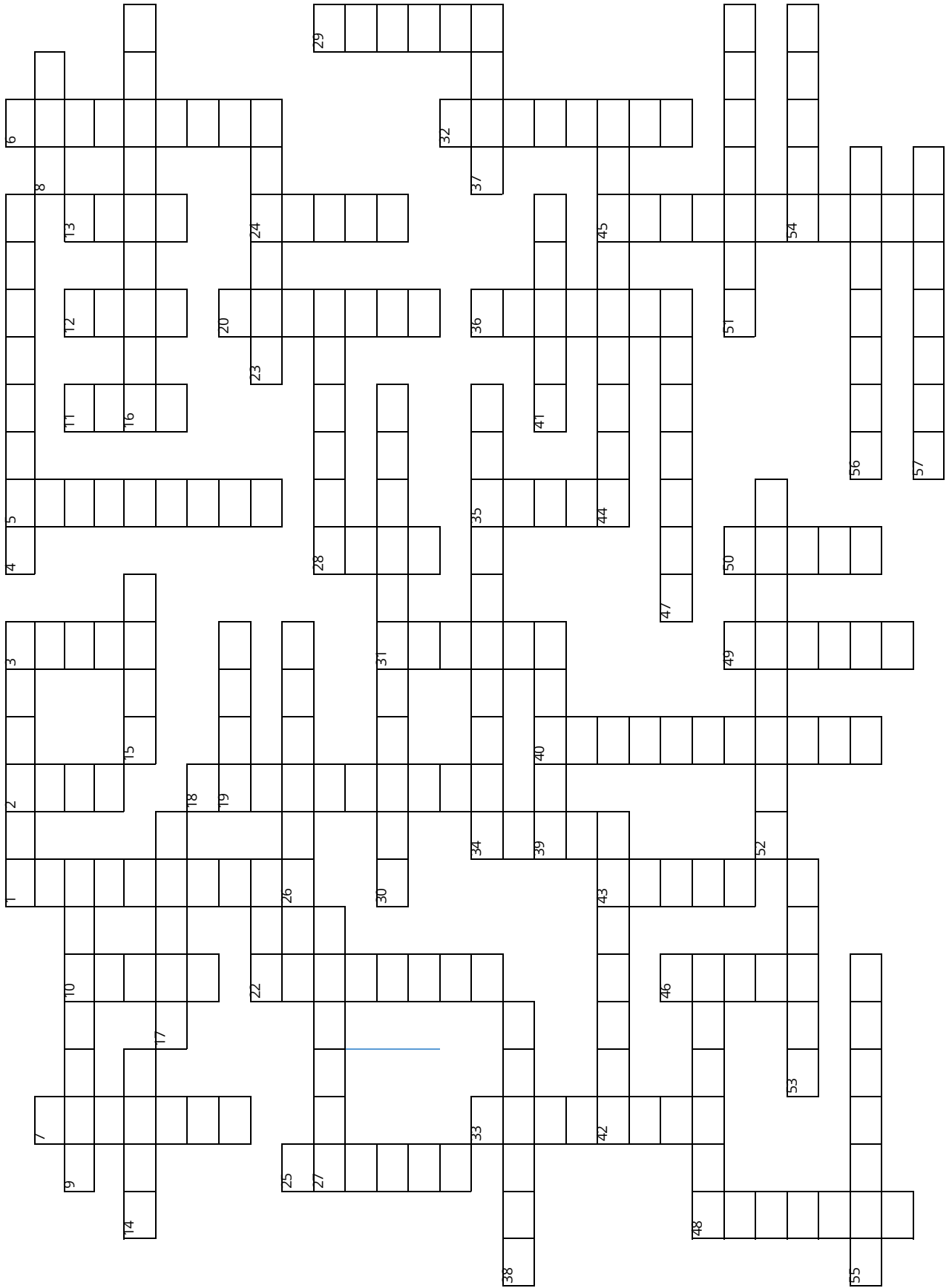
When was the Columbine Memorial built in Littleton?

Where was the Columbine Memorial built in Littleton?

Who was responsible for raising funds and planning the Columbine Memorial?

Crossword

Using the clues on the next two pages, complete the crossword puzzle.



Across

1. country Eyad Ismoil fled to after the 1993 World Trade Center bombing
4. word for issues that caused a major problem for Bill Clinton
8. number of times teacher who died was shot at 1999 high school shooting
9. government leader suspected of being behind the 1993 World Trade Center attack: _____ al-Qaddafi
14. Republican primary candidate for President in 1992: George H.W. _____
15. famous 1994 ice dancer: Christopher _____
16. city in Colorado that was the site of 1999 school shooting
17. country led by al-Qaddafi in 1993
19. defused by police at school shooting
22. Republican primary candidate for President in 1996: _____ Buchanan
23. Republican primary candidate for President in 1996: Steve _____
26. 1993 World Trade Center bombing conspirator Ramzi _____
27. uncle of Ramzi Yousef: Khalid _____ Mohammed
28. country where Saddam Hussein was defeated by the U.S. in 1991
30. site of 1994 Winter Olympic Games: _____, Norway
34. country that won its first medals in 1994 in cross-country skiing
37. running mate of Bill Clinton: Al _____
38. country to the south of the U.S. involved in North American Free Trade Agreement
39. 1993 World Trade Center bombing conspirator Rahman _____
41. famous 1994 ice skater: Oksana _____
42. Democratic primary candidate for President in 1992: Paul _____
44. 1992 running mate of Ross Perot: James _____
47. famous 1994 cross-country skier: Vladimir _____
48. country to the north of the U.S. involved in North American Free Trade Agreement
51. famous 1994 ice skater: Tonya _____
52. famous 1994 ice skater: Nancy _____
53. Reform Party candidate for President in 1996: Ross _____

Down

1. city where bombs for the 1993 World Trade Center attack were assembled (2 words)
2. popular independent third-party candidate in the 1992 U.S. presidential election: _____ Perot
3. abbreviation for the North American Free Trade Agreement
5. high school where 1999 school shooting took place
6. shooters in the 1999 school shooting often had these insignias on their clothes
7. government leader suspected of being behind the 1993 World Trade Center attack: Saddam _____
10. shooters in 1999 school shooting were part of group called Trench Coat _____
11. Democratic primary candidate for President in 1996: _____ Clinton
12. famous 1994 ice skater: Katarina _____
13. Republican primary candidate for President in 1996: Bob _____
18. 1993 World Trade Center bombing conspirator Mahmud _____
20. famous 1994 ice skater: Brian _____
22. country Ramzi Yousef fled to after the 1993 World Trade Center bombing
24. Democratic primary candidate for President in 1992: Jerry _____
25. 1993 World Trade Center bombing conspirator Eyad _____
28. Republican candidate for Vice President in 1996: Jack _____
29. running mate of George H.W. Bush: Dan _____
31. Democratic primary candidate for President in 1992: Tom _____
32. famous 1994 pairs skater: Ekaterina _____
33. approximate percentage of vote popular independent third-party candidate won in the 1992 U.S. presidential election
34. Republican primary candidate for President in 1996: Alan _____
35. issue that caused a major problem for George H.W. Bush
36. famous 1994 pairs skater: Sergei _____
40. country that had ended apartheid and was participating in the 1994 Winter Olympic Games (2 words)
43. 1993 World Trade Center bombing conspirator Nidal _____

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54. famous 1994 Alpine skier: _____ Schneider	45. site of 1992 Winter Olympic Games: _____, France
55. famous 1994 ice dancer: Jayne _____	46. Green Party candidate for President in 1996: Ralph _____
56. van used in 1993 World Trade Center bombing was identified by its _____ identification number	48. Democratic primary candidate for President in 1992: Bill _____
57. 1993 World Trade Center bombing conspirator Mohammad _____	49. shooters in the 1999 school shooting fascinated with Adolf _____
	50. Republican primary candidate for President in 1996: _____ Alexander

Answer Key

1992

In 1992, a presidential election was held that included an independent candidate who won almost nineteen percent of the vote. That was the largest percentage a third-party candidate had received in eighty years.

The Republican Party had George H.W. Bush, the current president at the time, planning to run for reelection. When George H.W. Bush was nominated in 1988, he had promised he would do his best not to raise taxes. He won the election. However, in 1990, because of a budget deficit that was continually climbing, he raised taxes, causing many hard feelings with his supporters. As a result, when President George H.W. Bush campaigned for the Republican nomination for the 1992 election, he had a strong challenge from Pat Buchanan. He did win the Republican nomination and campaigned for reelection.

The Democratic campaign was undecided for a good deal of time. The Iowa caucuses were skipped. Bill Clinton appeared to be the front runner, however, he almost lost early on because of news of an extra-marital affair he had that had lasted almost twelve years. Also running for the Democratic nomination were Senator Tom Harkin of Iowa, former Governor of California Jerry Brown, and former Senator Paul Tsongas of Massachusetts. Paul Tsongas dropped out in March. Finally, on June 2, Bill Clinton won enough delegates to secure the nomination when he was victorious over Jerry Brown in California and many other states.

Because of the scandals following Bill Clinton and the problems with the economy President George H.W. Bush was facing, Ross Perot, a businessman, announced he would run as a third-party candidate. He asked supporters to help him get on the ballot in all fifty states and was very popular in the beginning. He unexpectedly dropped out of the race for a time and then rejoined. The candidates chose their running mates. Bill Clinton chose Al Gore, a senator from Tennessee. President Bush chose his vice president Dan Quayle. Ross Perot chose Admiral James Stockdale.

The issues debated included the North American Free Trade Agreement. The agreement was supported by President Bush and Bill Clinton, but it was opposed by Ross Perot. Another problem was the national debt, which Ross Perot wanted to eliminate.

In the final election on November 3, 1992, Bill Clinton won the election over incumbent President George H.W. Bush.

1993

On February 26, 1993, the World Trade Center in New York City, New York, was the site of a terrorist attack that had been planned many months beforehand.

Before September 1, 1992, Ahmad Ajaj and Ramzi Yousef came to the United States from Pakistan. Ahmad Ajaj was detained by customs agents because they could tell his Swedish passport was false. They confiscated his suitcase and found bombing manuals and anti-American propaganda. Ahmad Ajaj ended up in jail. Ramzi Yousef had an Iraqi

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passport with a false name on it. He requested political asylum. He was arrested because he entered the United States without a visa but was released on his word and allowed into the country.

Although Ahmad Ajaj was in jail, Ramzi Yousef continued to work on their plan. On October 1, 1992, he moved into a rented room in Jersey City, New Jersey, with Mohammad Salameh. Mohammad Salameh rented a locker, and the two men began buying materials to make bombs and storing them in the locker. They were also storing dangerous amounts of cyanide gas in the locker. On January 1, 1993, Mohammad Salameh rented a garage apartment in Jersey City to use to construct bombs. During the next several weeks, they put together a bomb weighing 1,500 pounds (680 kilograms). Mohammad Salameh also used his time to scout the World Trade Center, and Ramzi Yousef got in touch with another conspirator, Eyad Ismoil, who came to New York just before the bombing.

The FBI and the New York Joint Terrorism Task Force had been tracing Islamic fundamentalists for months, but they had not been able to get the proof they needed. They would learn later that they had been very close.

On February 23, 1993, Mohammad Salameh rented a van and then reported it stolen two days later. The group bought several tanks of hydrogen gas and put them into the van, which already contained the bomb, to make the explosion even larger.

Early in the morning of February 26, 1993, another man, Mahmud Abouhalima, who was working with the first three, filled his car and the rented van with gas. The four men then drove to Lower Manhattan and left the van in the parking garage of the World Trade Center complex. The explosives detonated at 12:17 p.m.

Mohammad Salameh went to the location where he had rented the van and tried to claim his deposit for the van he said was stolen. He was told to come back later. That evening, Ramzi Yousef left for Karachi, Pakistan, and Eyad Ismoil left for Jordan.

The authorities began receiving phone calls claiming responsibility for the bombing and ended up receiving more than fifty total phone calls of that nature. There were also a few fake bomb threats for other targets in New York City. The governments suspected of being behind the bombings were Muammar al-Qaddafi, the leader of Libya, and Saddām Hussein, president of Iraq. Saddām Hussein was the chief suspect because the bombing happened exactly two years after his defeat by United States forces in Kuwait.

The FBI continued investigating. Within two days, they found a piece of the van's chassis that had its vehicle identification number on it. By tracing the number, the authorities went to the rental agency in Jersey City. On March 4, 1993, when Mohammad Salameh went back to claim his refund, he was arrested by the FBI. The rental agreement Mohammad Salameh had with him contained traces of bomb residue and the address of the apartment in Jersey City. When the authorities went to the apartment, they found

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Rahman Yasin, who took them to the bomb factory. Rahman Yasin was not arrested and left for Iraq the next day.

Mahmud Abouhalima, who had helped with the bomb plot, had tried to go to Saudi Arabia, but he was arrested in Egypt on March 10, 1993, the same day another conspirator, Nidal Ayyad, was found and arrested in New Jersey.

Mohammad Salameh, Nidal Ayyad, Mahmud Abouhalima, and Bilal Alkaysi, who had turned himself in, were charged on eleven counts and held for trial. Ahmad Ajaj was also indicted.

The trial began on September 16, 1993. After many months, on March 4, 1994, Mohammad Salameh, Nidal Ayyad, Mahmud Abouhalima, and Ahmad Ajaj were convicted. Each one was sentenced to 240 years in prison.

After a manhunt that lasted about two years, Ramzi Yousef was captured in Pakistan, and Eyad Ismoil was captured in Jordan in 1995. They were tried and convicted late in 1997.

The bombing that was meant to take down the World Trade Center killed six people and injured over 1,000. The damage to the Center included a blast crater six stories deep and 200 feet wide. While investigating this terrorist attack, the task force found that there was a second terrorist plot that involved bombing several landmarks in New York, including the Holland Tunnel, the Lincoln Tunnel, and the U.N. building. It was also learned that Ramzi Yousef had been planning to bomb about a dozen United States international flights. Khalid Sheikh Mohammed, Ramzi Yousef's uncle, took a plan Ramzi Yousef had been working on to turn aircrafts into missiles to Osama bin Laden in 1996. It is thought that after bin Laden approved the plan, Khalid Sheikh Mohammed worked with him to plan the 2001 terrorist attack that took down the World Trade Center and killed more than 2,750 people in the immediate attack.

1994

In 1994, the Winter Olympic Games were held, just two years after they had been held in Albertville, France. An amendment to the Olympic Charter had been passed in 1986. This amendment stated that the Summer and Winter Olympic Games were to be held alternately, with one occurring every two years. This amendment went into effect in 1994. Previously, the Winter and Summer Olympic Games had both been held in the same year every four years. Lillehammer, Norway, won the opportunity to host the games February 12-17, 1994.

Many things were different about this Olympics. The Soviet Union had broken up in 1991, and many countries were competing as separate teams. South Africa had ended apartheid and was now participating. More events were scheduled than usual.

There had also been a change in the rules of the International Olympic Committee

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regarding who could participate, and professional athletes were now permitted. This allowed past champions who had turned professional to compete, including such famous skaters as Brian Boitano, Katarina Witt, ice dancers Jayne Torvill and Christopher Dean, and pairs skaters Ekaterina Gordeeva and Sergei Grinkov.

An unfortunate part of the games was a dispute between Tonya Harding and Nancy Kerrigan. Approximately a month before the games occurred, Tonya Harding had been accused of trying to injure Nancy Kerrigan, and a lawsuit had been filed against her. The competition at the games was not severely impacted by this because Tonya Harding stumbled in her short program and finally finished in eighth place. Nancy Kerrigan skated beautifully but was defeated by a 16-year-old Ukrainian skater, Oksana Baiul.

In the Alpine skiing events, Vreni Schneider of Switzerland became the first female Alpine skier to win three Olympic gold medals. She also won a silver medal and a bronze medal. The first medals ever won for the country of Kazakhstan were won in 1994 by Vladimir Smirnov, who won a gold and two silver medals in cross-country skiing.

1996

In 1996, a United States presidential election was held in which President Bill Clinton ran for reelection against Bob Dole.

Democrat Bill Clinton had won his first term as President with only 43 percent of the vote. Because of that and the fact that the Democrats had lost their majority in the House of Representatives in 1994 for the first time since the 1950s, many believed that Bill Clinton would not win a second term. In addition, his stand on health care had caused many waves, and he had proposed a “Don’t Ask, Don’t Tell” compromise that was not popular with some. However, in the campaign for the nomination, there was little opposition for President Clinton. His running mate was Vice President Al Gore.

Within the Republican Party, however, there were many candidates for the nomination. Former Senator Bob Dole from Kansas, businessman Steve Forbes, former governor Lamar Alexander from Tennessee, former diplomat Alan Keyes, and Pat Buchanan ran. Bob Dole started out slowly, with Pat Buchanan and Steve Forbes being his biggest rivals. However, from the primaries in March and onward, Bob Dole took the lead, ending with the Republican nomination. He chose Jack Kemp to be his running mate.

Also running for President was Ross Perot with the Reform Party and Ralph Nader with the Green Party.

As the economy began recovering from its slump, Bill Clinton’s popularity grew. Bill Clinton and Al Gore won the election.

1999

Please note: Sources do not all agree on the reasons why the students decided to attack the high school.

In April 1999, the worst school shooting to that time in United States history occurred in Littleton, Colorado. Two friends, Dylan Klebold, age 17, and Eric Harris, age 18, who both came from upper middle-class families, spent much time together. They were seniors at Columbine High School in Littleton and enjoyed doing things together such as watching cartoons on TV and going bowling.

Unfortunately, they also played violent video games and were fascinated with Adolf Hitler. They stole electronics, were convicted, and served time in a rehab program where they attended anger-management classes and finally were able to show good behavior in a community service program.

They were part of a group who called themselves the “Trench Coat Mafia” and felt they were outsiders. They often had swastikas on their clothes. In the spring of 1998, they began planning some sort of violent action that would end in their suicides.

They began purchasing guns. They got some from a friend who had bought the guns legally at a gun show and another from a former student who sold it to them after purchasing it at a gun show. On the day before the Columbine shooting, the former student also sold them ammunition.

They ultimately decided to bomb Columbine High School. They figured out the time of day when the most students would be in certain parts of the school. They set the date for April 20, Adolf Hitler’s birthday.

At the designated time, near lunch time for many at the school, the boys came through the doors, shooting as they went. There were explosions, which students first thought were a prank or something going on at the science labs. As the students realized what was going on, many began to hide. The shooters continued down the hallways, laughing and shooting as they went. Fire alarms went off, and students gave first aid where they could.

Police, paramedics, and firefighters responded and tried to assess the situation and how to help. Reporters also gathered. Inside the school, the shooters entered the library and found it full of students. The killing continued.

Some students escaped from the school, and ambulances began taking the wounded to hospitals. Officials led many to buses, telling them to keep their hands on their heads as they continued to assess the situation. The students were also frisked in case the shooters were trying to escape. The students on the buses were identified, and their families were notified. Back at the school, a teacher who had been shot twice managed to stay conscious as the students tried to help him, but he died within minutes of the paramedics reaching him.

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Finally, as the authorities were able to access the school, they found the bodies of twelve students in the library. In addition, the teacher who was shot twice died, as did the two shooters, who committed suicide.

It was concluded that the killers fired more than 900 rounds of ammunition and set more than thirty bombs throughout the school and even in some of the cars in the parking lot, which police defused. There were also more than twenty-three students wounded, many critically.

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Parents, due to the violent nature of the World Trade Center bombing and the Columbine school shooting, please use your discretion in determining what events you want your students to learn more about and also what resources they use to research the information, as some could contain graphic material.

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