

Everyone has a story

What Is a Catastrophe?

Q: What do you "remember" about 9/11 since you are too young to actually remember.

Q: Why the Twin Towers?

Q: What kind of catastrophe is 9/11? National? Global terror?

Q: Does Bin-Laden's death mitigate the losses? Provide some closure?

Q: Whose story is it? The survivors'? The victims'? The rescuers? The eyewitnesses?

Q: What is the iconography of 9/11? The towers engulfed in smoke or tiny human images jumping to their deaths?

Q: What's Ground Zero? What does it mean literally & symbolically? In terms of [nuclear explosions](#) and other large [bombs](#), the term "**ground zero**" (sometimes also known as "**surface zero**"^[1]) describes the point on the Earth's surface closest to a detonation.^[2] In the case of an explosion above the ground, *ground zero* refers to the point on the ground directly below the nuclear detonation.

1. An act of God or man?
2. 1-time or recurrent? Is Hurricane Irma a catastrophe?
3. An event that is commemorated?

Anzac Day; Gallipoli (1915) for the Australians The Australian War Memorial is proud to host Anzac Day commemorations annually on 25 April. Every year, thousands of people join together to pay tribute to and remember those who have served. Learn more about the commemorations that take place on Anzac Day at the Australian War Memorial in Canberra.

Anzac Day goes beyond the anniversary of the landing on Gallipoli in 1915. It is the day on which we remember all Australians who served and died in war and on operational service past and present.

- The Armenian Massacre
- Hiroshima.

4. A new temporal reckoning; time before/after
5. Comparable or incomparable? To what can it be compared?
6. Does a catastrophe have heroes / villains? Does its very facelessness make it more terrifying?
7. Desecration. The secular becomes holy; the holy is polluted.
8. Iconography.