

Pearl Harbor Webquest

On Dec. 7, 1941, Japan attacked an American military base at Pearl Harbor, Hawaii, effectively bringing America into WWII.

- Why did Japan attack America in December 1941?
- What was the attack like?
- How did the attack impact Japanese-Americans?
- To what extent was the attack on Pearl Harbor a success for Japan?

This webquest will lead you through several digital resources to answer those questions and more.

First, navigate to the following website, and use it to answer these questions:

<http://www.pearlharboroahu.com/attack.htm>

1. Why did Japan attack Pearl Harbor?

2. Was it really a surprise attack?

3. How did Japan attack?

Now visit this website for the answers to the next questions:

<http://www.pearlharboroahu.com/after.htm>

4. How did life change on Hawaii and at Pearl Harbor after the attack?

5. What effect did the attack have on Japanese Americans?

Next, go to this website to respond to the following prompt:

<http://www.pearlharborohu.com/involved.htm>

6. Pick three (3) people who were involved in the attack or defense of Pearl Harbor. Describe each and his role in 2-4 sentences.

a.

b.

c.

Visit this site for the next two questions: <http://www.history.com/topics/pearl-harbor>

7. Why did the attack fail to cripple America's Pacific naval fleet?

8. How was attacking Pearl Harbor like waking a "sleeping giant"?

Now visit this site this site to find the definition of "infamy":

<http://www.merriam-webster.com/dictionary/infamy>

9. Define "infamy":

Expand that knowledge by looking at the word in context, using the following site:

<http://library.umkc.edu/spec-col/ww2/pearlharbor/fdr-speech.htm>

10. Why did FDR famously call Pearl Harbor's attack a "date which will live in infamy"?

Put on some headphones to watch these videos from the National Park Service. Watch at least one interview with an American veteran and at least one with a Japanese veteran. Then answer the following two questions in at least one paragraph each: <http://www.youtube.com/user/WWIIValorNPS>

11. What was the attack like from the point of view of a Japanese soldier?

12. What was the attack like from the point of view of an American soldier?