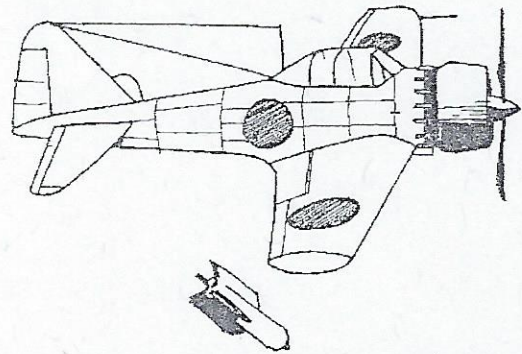


PEARL HARBOR

Day 1



On Sunday, December 7, 1941, at about 8:00 a.m., the Japanese attacked the American naval base at Pearl Harbor, Hawaii. This attack brought the United States into World War II.

Even though incoming aircraft were picked up on radar, the attack came as a surprise. The men on duty thought that the incoming planes were Americans arriving from the West Coast. Most of the anti-aircraft guns were unmanned because it was a Sunday, and many servicemen were on shore for the weekend. Many more were still sleeping on their ships.

At the time, the United States was not in World War II. It was helping England and Russia, who were at war with both Germany and Japan, but it was not officially in the war.

The Japanese thought that by bombing the naval base and destroying the ships and planes,

the U.S. would not be able to fight against them.

The surprise attack on the naval base at Pearl Harbor lasted for two hours. When the bombing ended, the enemy had destroyed or badly damaged 19 ships and almost all of the 188 airplanes in Hawaii. Nearly 3,600 Americans were either killed or injured.

The American people were very angry. The next day—Monday, December 8—President Franklin Roosevelt spoke to Congress and the nation on radio. He called December 7 “a date which will live in infamy.” This means that it is a day that will not be forgotten.

A ship named the U.S.S. *Arizona* was one of the ships that had been sunk by the Japanese. It was left in the harbor and made into a memorial for the men who had died during the attack on Pearl Harbor.

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Match each answer on the left to the descriptions on the right.
Write the correct number on the line next to the description.

1. Pearl Harbor _____ the countries the U.S. was helping
2. Japan _____ the number of hours the attack lasted
3. England and Russia _____ the President at the time of the bombing
4. December _____ day on which the surprise attack occurred
5. Two _____ the name of a ship that was sunk
6. Franklin Roosevelt _____ a naval base in Hawaii
7. 1941 _____ the time the attack occurred
8. U.S.S. *Arizona* _____ the date in December when Pearl Harbor was bombed
9. 7 _____ the year Pearl Harbor was bombed
10. 8:00 a.m. _____ the month in which the attack occurred
11. 3,600 _____ the country that attacked the U.S. naval base
12. Sunday _____ the number of Americans killed or injured

Research: Find *World War II* in an encyclopedia. When did World War II end?