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### How The Attack Of Pearl Changed The World

The attack of Pearl Harbor, on December 7, 1941, was a crucial event in history and changed the world in many ways. The ambush was a surprise attack committed by Japan, and killed over 2,000 Americans, destroying eight navy battleships and about 100 planes. (Morella). An outraged Franklin D. Roosevelt called it, “A date which will live in infamy.” (“Pearl Harbor Bombed”). This affected the United State’s media, politics, entertainment, and business. (“Morella”). Even though World War II officially started in September, 1939, The United States did not join the war until after the bombing of Pearl Harbor. (“Teaching Eleanor Roosevelt”). The bombing of Pearl Harbor led the U.S. into World War II and would affect the history of the world and its future.

December 7, 1941 started off as a fairly usual Saturday morning for Americans. They slept in and woke up to a nice cup of coffee. That was, until the first bombs were dropped on Pearl Harbor, on the Hawaiian Island of Oahu. Even though Pearl Harbor was a strong U.S military base, they were not always on high alert. (“Bromwich”). Nobody was prepared to battle. (“Brown”). The surprise attack was the exact thing that Japan wanted, but even then, it was not such a surprise. Almost an hour before the first wave of planes flew by, two Army radar men on

Oahu's northern shore had detected the attack coming. ("Brown"). They contacted a junior officer, who didn't believe them and their reports. (Brown).

The attack affected the United States in many ways. Many people were shocked, and others were outraged. ("Rothwell"). The media went wild, with the news of an unexpected attack killing thousands. The president and other people of high ranks were trying to figure out what the country should do about the attack. T.V commercials and other talk shows were focusing on the event and sending money and other donations to help. Business in that area of Hawaii (as well as the whole country) also slowed down for a while. The attack on Pearl Harbor played a big part of the United States getting involved with World War II. ("Teaching Eleanor Roosevelt"). Franklin Roosevelt worked hard to prepare Americans for a conflict that he said was inevitable. ("Teaching Eleanor Roosevelt").

After the bombing of Pearl Harbor, Eleanor Roosevelt took a big part in making women's rights stronger, and helping the U.S in any way that she could. ("Teaching Eleanor Roosevelt"). Even though she was not in the position to have a real say in the day to day planning of the war, she found other ways to make a difference. ("Teaching Eleanor Roosevelt"). For a little bit, she served as the assistant director of the Office Of Civilian Defense. But when she realized that her opinions caused a lot of unneeded controversy, she resigned. ("Teaching Eleanor Roosevelt"). She travelled around the world, meeting with allied service men and wartime leaders. ("Teaching Eleanor Roosevelt"). Eleanor Roosevelt's major concerns were helping refugees, especially Jews, get out of Europe and give them comfort, and supplies. ("Teaching Eleanor Roosevelt"). She was a hard worker, and was determined to help the country get through the war, along with

bringing on the importance of women's rights. She helped boost women's rights and their ability to work worldwide. ("Teaching Eleanor Roosevelt").

This essay belongs in the museum because it explains how the bombing of Pearl Harbor changed the world in a negative way. We lost many lives and resources because of the events of this day. This event was very important to the history of the United States, and had a long butterfly effect on the world. The attack led us into World War II, which then led into the Cold War, and then the Great Depression, later causing good results in women's rights and thoughts against racism. ("Teaching Eleanor Roosevelt").

## Summary

The bombing of Pearl Harbor on December 7, 1941, was a very important event in history and changed the world in many ways. Nobody expected this devastating attack from Japan, happening on the Hawaiian Island of Oahu. The ambush killed over 2,000 Americans, and leaving many of our battleships and planes in destruction. The attack left the United States in shock, and in rage. Many people wanted revenge on the Japanese, and to declare war on them. Not long after the bombing, the U.S joined World War II, with the help of Eleanor Roosevelt. Even though she did not have direct say in planning the war, she helped the United States in any way she could, boosting women's rights and acts against racism. Overall, The attack of Pearl Harbor is what led the United States into World War II, and made an impact on the world in that way.

### Works Cited

Bromwich, Jonah Engel. "How Pearl Harbor Shaped the Modern World." The New York Times, The New York Times, 7 Dec. 2016, [www.nytimes.com/2016/12/07/world/pearl-harbor-anniversary.html](http://www.nytimes.com/2016/12/07/world/pearl-harbor-anniversary.html).

This source was able to give me a really good idea on the attack on Pearl Harbor. It explained what happened using vivid details. It also explained the large outcome of the attack, and how it affected the world and the United States. This source also touched on the early World War II, and influential people who helped along the way.

Compared to my other sources, this source seemed accurate. Many of the other sources I used explained the attack of Pearl Harbor in similar ways. The information was clearly listed, and there were no mistakes made on the spelling, or grammar.

The quality of this source was great. It was clear, and really gave me a general idea on this topic. I was able to learn a lot, reading this source, and it helped me write my essay with a strong understanding on the attack of Pearl Harbor.

Brown, Oerry. "Pearl Harbor Remembered." Pearl Harbor Remembered,

[www.factmonster.com/pearl-harbor-remembered](http://www.factmonster.com/pearl-harbor-remembered).

This source explained what it was like before the attack on Pearl Harbor, and more details on how it happened, and what was damaged. It also explained more about the Japanese targeters and how many planes they brought. It told me a little information about the U.S base that the bombs hit, and a fun fact that I added to my paper.

This source had no grammar or spelling mistakes, and I was able to pull a lot of information from this and use it in my essay. It seemed accurate for the most part, with only a few facts that the other sources never listed. This left me slightly suspicious, but also happy that I was able to find a source with a more variety of information.

The source seemed to have a good quality. I took away a lot of information and it gave me a really good idea of what happened during the event. Even though it didn't really get into World War II, It was detailed on the things it did explain, and was clear and easy to follow.

Morella, Michael. How America Changed After Pearl Harbor.

[www.usnews.com/opinion/articles/2012/01/06/how-america-changed-after-pearl-harbor](http://www.usnews.com/opinion/articles/2012/01/06/how-america-changed-after-pearl-harbor).

This source was really good at giving me all of the information I needed to write my essay. It covered several different topics that were crucial to my piece and really gave me the

right idea on what really happened that day. It included information such as; what life was like before the attack on Pearl Harbor, or relationship with Japan at the time, and what changed after the attack.

This source seemed accurate because there were no grammatical mistakes. I was able to learn a lot about the topic, and gave me an incredible amount of information that I was able to incorporate with my essay with the confirmation of other sources.

The quality of this source was extremely good. It not only explained the topic to me in ways that I could understand and interpret, but it gave me such a good visualization of what really happened that day.

“Pearl Harbor Bombed.” History.com, A&E Television Networks,

[www.history.com/this-day-in-history/pearl-harbor-bombed](http://www.history.com/this-day-in-history/pearl-harbor-bombed).

This source really explained to me what the Naval Base was like earlier that morning and gave me some fun facts about the topic that other sources didn't have. It also explained the destruction that the Japanese planes left behind and how it affected our country and the world.

The accuracy of this source seemed fine. Other sources backed it up and proved some of the same points. This source gave a lot of clear, easy to understand information that was useful during the writing of my essay.

The quality of this source was really good. It gave me such good details and each fact had supportive details to back it up. Again, this source was very helpful in the process of writing my essay.

Rothwell, Mary Louise. “Sunday, December 7, 1941.” Pearl Harbor Diary,

[home.earthlink.net/~vtprescott/PearlDiary.htm](http://home.earthlink.net/~vtprescott/PearlDiary.htm).

This source gave a lot of information on the bombing of Pearl Harbor, from a witness's point of view. It was really informative, and described what it was like the day of the attack. It helped me get a better idea on the topic, and from a different perspective.

The accuracy of this source seemed fine. It was written by someone who was alive during the attack, and had different input on the topic. They had things to say that other sources didn't, and was uniquely written in diary form.

I chose this as my primary source, because it was truly valuable in my essay. It was different than my other sources, and gave me an even better idea of how people reacted, and what went on that day.

“Teaching Eleanor Roosevelt Glossary.” World War II (1939-1945)

[www2.gwu.edu/~erpapers/teaching/glossary/world-war-2.cfm](http://www2.gwu.edu/~erpapers/teaching/glossary/world-war-2.cfm).

This source was so helpful in the process of writing this essay. It is unfortunate, but I could not find it again. When I used the source before, I sighted it, and now when you click on the link it brings you to a nonexistent page. This is so disappointing because this source was one of my most valuable ones and really gave more information on the transition to World War II than the other sources did.

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