

U.S. History

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Attack on Pearl Harbor: Comprehension Questions

- 1) What actions by the United States led Japan to opt for war?
- 2) Did Japan actually think it could take on the United States? How?
- 3) What was Admiral Yamamoto's prognosis of an impending war with America?
- 4) What was the general attitude of Americans towards the war when it began?
- 5) Why was Pearl Harbor chosen as the target of Japan's attack?
- 6) How long did the attack last? What was the loss to the U.S. in both lives and cost?
- 7) Note the day (not the date) of the attack. Do you think this was intentional on the part of Japan? Why?
- 8) What was the day, as President Roosevelt said, "would live in infamy"?
- 9) What lessons do you think America learned from an incident such as Pearl Harbor?
- 10) Do you suppose it's possible that President Roosevelt "allowed" the attack to take place? Why?