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Pearl Harbor: A Day Remembered

Long ago, on a sunny morning in Hawaii, something important happened that changed the course of history. It was December 7, 1941, a day we now call "Pearl Harbor Day."

Pearl Harbor is a place with a big, beautiful harbor surrounded by palm trees and blue skies. But on that day, something unexpected occurred. Early in the morning, airplanes from a faraway place called Japan flew into the sky and made a surprise attack on the U.S. naval base at Pearl Harbor.

Drawing of the USS Arizona before the attack.

The attack was a big shock to the people who lived there. Imagine waking up to the sound of airplanes and loud explosions! The surprise attack damaged many ships and airplanes, and sadly, many brave soldiers lost their lives or were injured.. The USS Arizona battleship was struck by a massive explosion and sank.

Drawing of Pearl Harbor during the attack.

This event marked the beginning of the United States joining World War II, a big war that involved many countries around the world. The people of the United States were united and determined to work together to overcome this challenge.

Every year on December 7th, we remember and honor the people who were affected by the events at Pearl Harbor. We fly flags at half-mast, have moments of silence, and pay our respects to those who served and sacrificed during that time.

Pearl Harbor Day is a day for us to reflect on the importance of peace and to remember the bravery of those who faced a difficult moment in history. It's a time to learn about the past and appreciate our freedom.

1. When was Pearl Harbor attacked? _____

2. Who attacked Pearl Harbor? _____

3. What did the United States do as a result of the attack? _____

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4. How do we honor and remember the people who were affected by the attack? _____

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