

Pearl Harbor: Legacy of Attack

- 1) What did Japan want to achieve through the attack at Pearl Harbor?
- 2) How do you achieve surprise in war?
- 3) How did Yamamoto know about the United States?
- 4) What would the Japanese need in order to carry out the attack?
- 5) What was the Japanese plan in order to avoid being detected?
- 6) Why didn't some Japanese want to use the midget subs?
- 7) Why was it considered a suicide mission?
- 8) What were sailors doing the night before the attack?
- 9) What did the Japanese soldiers do before the attack?
- 10) What was the 1st missed opportunity for the Americans to learn of the attack?
- 11) What does the radar pick up?
- 12) What guided Japanese plans to the Oahu coast?
- 13) What was their 1st target?
- 14) How long did it take the Utah to sink?
- 15) What time was the U.S.S. Arizona attacked?
- 16) Describe the conditions of Pearl Harbor after the attack on the Arizona.
- 17) How long did the 1st wave of attacks take?
- 18) Who is responsible for the memorial?
- 19) What does an initial survey of the interior of the U.S.S. Arizona reveal?
- 20) How much oil is in the Arizona?
- 21) What do some people say the oil symbolizes?
- 22) How long was it before the 2nd wave of attacks began?
- 23) Who was Dorie Miller?
- 24) Why didn't he receive a Congressional Medal of Honor?

- 25) What time did the 2nd wave of attacks begin?
- 26) What was different about the 2nd wave of attacks?
- 27) What caused Japanese aircraft difficulty in the 2nd wave of attacks?
- 28) What time did the attacks end?
- 29) How did the soldiers notify their families that they were all right after the attack?
- 30) What happened on December 8th?
- 31) What are some of the things that can still be seen in the U.S.S. Arizona?
- 32) What symbolized the American spirit after the attack?
- 33) How do survivors of Pearl Harbor regard the memorial?

Toward the end of the film, historian Dr. Stephen Ambrose says this of Pearl Harbor:

“I don’t think we’ll ever be done with Pearl Harbor. I think Pearl Harbor is like Gettysburg. It’s like Appomattox. It’s like Lincoln’s assassination. It’s like Yorktown and the surrender to General Washington. God help our country if it’s ever forgotten.”

What do you think he means by this? Explain.

SUMMARY:
