

Life without Pearl Harbor

What if there was no Pearl Harbor attack? How would WWII be different if there was no Pearl Harbor? **It is your job to re-write history...without Pearl Harbor.**

To re-write the past, you need to make sure you understand it. So investigate the following questions:

- Who was the mastermind that planned the attack on Pearl Harbor?
- What were the names of the 8 battleships that were the main targets of the attack?
- What were the number of casualties of the Navy and Marine Corps?
- How much time passed between the attack and Japan declaring war on the U.S.?
- Why did Japan attack Pearl Harbor (rather than another location in the U.S.)?
- Were there any clues that Japan was going to attack?

Questions to consider

- If Japan had not attack the U.S., would another country have attacked?
- Could the attack have been prevented?
- What if we had already entered into WWII, would we have been more prepared for an attack? Would many of the ships have been in the harbor?
- What else could've changed the outcome of Pearl Harbor?
- Would the U.S. have entered WWII if Pearl Harbor had not been attacked?
- Would we have dropped the atomic bomb if Pearl Harbor did not occur?
- Would FDR have come up with another famous quote other than "a day that will live in infamy"?

There are many approaches to this re-writing of history. However, remember that you must understand the past in order to re-write history; therefore, it is essential that you answer the initial questions.

Moreover, those questions are just some to get you started. Write down 3 additional questions that you think are important to your understanding Pearl Harbor.

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Use your textbook as much as possible and any additional resources that I have to help you in your investigation.

After you've done all that investigation into Pearl Harbor, it's time to re-write history...without this infamous event.

Your final product will be a re-written newspaper article. Write a newspaper article for December 7, 1941, but without Pearl Harbor.

You must specifically mention the United States' position in the war (are we neutral or involved?).