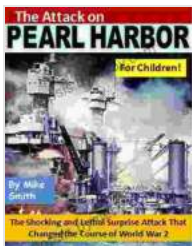


# The Shocking and Lethal Surprise Attack that Changed the Course of World War II

On December 7, 1941, the Imperial Japanese Navy Air Service attacked the U.S. Naval Base at Pearl Harbor, killing over 2,400 Americans and drawing the United States into World War II.



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The attack was a complete surprise to the Americans. The Japanese had meticulously planned the attack for months, and they were able to catch the U.S. fleet at anchor, unprepared for war. The attack crippled the U.S. Pacific Fleet, and it took the United States several years to recover.

The attack on Pearl Harbor was a turning point in World War II. It brought the United States into the war, and it led to the eventual defeat of Japan. The attack also had a profound impact on American society. It led to the

creation of the Department of Homeland Security, and it increased the awareness of the threat of terrorism.

The attack on Pearl Harbor is still remembered today as one of the most important events in American history. It is a reminder of the importance of being prepared for war, and it is a warning against the dangers of complacency.

### **The Planning of the Attack**

The Japanese had been planning the attack on Pearl Harbor for months. They knew that the U.S. Pacific Fleet was based at Pearl Harbor, and they believed that a surprise attack on the fleet would cripple the U.S. Navy and allow Japan to dominate the Pacific Ocean.

The Japanese carefully planned the attack. They used spies to gather intelligence on the U.S. fleet, and they developed a plan that would allow them to catch the fleet at anchor. They also developed new weapons, such as the Type 91 torpedo, which was specifically designed to attack battleships.

### **The Attack**

On the morning of December 7, 1941, a Japanese task force of six aircraft carriers, two battleships, two cruisers, and nine destroyers approached Pearl Harbor. The Japanese planes took off from their carriers and flew towards Pearl Harbor.

The Japanese planes reached Pearl Harbor at 7:55 AM. They flew in low over the water, and they surprised the Americans. The Americans were not expecting an attack, and they were not prepared for war.

The Japanese planes attacked the U.S. fleet in two waves. The first wave of planes attacked the battleships, and the second wave of planes attacked the airfields. The Japanese planes sank or damaged 19 ships, including eight battleships. They also destroyed 188 aircraft.

The attack on Pearl Harbor lasted for two hours. The Japanese planes then flew back to their carriers and returned to Japan.

### **The Aftermath of the Attack**

The attack on Pearl Harbor was a disaster for the United States. The Americans lost over 2,400 people, and the U.S. Pacific Fleet was crippled. The attack also had a profound impact on American society. It led to the creation of the Department of Homeland Security, and it increased the awareness of the threat of terrorism.

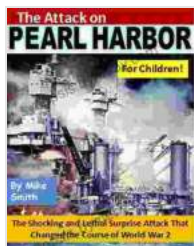
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### **The Legacy of Pearl Harbor**

The attack on Pearl Harbor had a lasting impact on the world. It led the United States into World War II, and it led to the eventual defeat of Japan. The attack also had a profound impact on American society. It led to the creation of the Department of Homeland Security, and it increased the awareness of the threat of terrorism.

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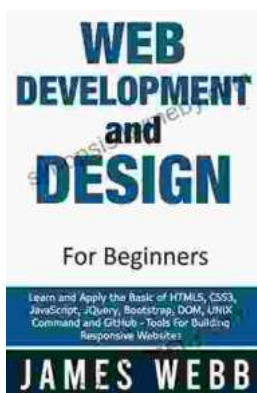
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