

“The Truth About Pearl Harbor”

WWII (100 points)

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FACT: Over 2,475 Navy, Army, Marine, Civilian Men, and Women were Killed at Pearl Harbor while an Additional 400,000 people were at Risk on the Morning of December 7, 1941.

Essential Question: Pearl Harbor has been described by some historians as a “Necessary Evil to the Mobilization of American Armed Forces during World War II”. The ‘*Back-Door to War Theory*’ has been used by numerous historians to place blame on **President Franklin D. Roosevelt** for allowing the largest intelligence lapse in American military history to occur under his presidency. Would a President actually sacrifice his own citizens, not to mention the Pacific fleet in order to strengthen American interest worldwide? Using the recently de-classified “**McCollum**” **Directive** and the following websites you determine if their really was a so-called “*Back Door to War*”. Be prepared to debate the topics in class.

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DID PRESIDENT FRANKLIN ROOSEVELT HAVE COMPLETE KNOWLEDGE OF THE ATTACK ON PEARL HARBOR?

Withheld Information was used to force the United States in World War II.

“...everything that the Japanese were planning to do was known to the United States...” ARMY BOARD, 1944

1) Make your own assumption on the validity of these three statements. Do you think an acting President would allow this destruction to occur? Why or Why not?

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2) **The “Hull Ultimatum”** http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Hull_note **Minimum of 4 sentences.** Read the Note and Interpretations and explain how the ‘Hull Ultimatum’ may have assured and /or forced the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor.

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3) **Pearl Harbor: The Mother of all Conspiracies**

<http://whatreallyhappened.com/WRHARTICLES/pearl.php#axzz3qM5z9l5ra>

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a) According to the author **FDR** blinded his commanders **Admiral Husband E. Kimmel** and **Lt. General Walter Short** at Pearl Harbor and set them up by...

1.

2.

3.

b) Scroll down to the section titled **Background** to answer the following questions:

1. What was the Irony of the U.S. Naval war games of 1932?

2. In 1940 what did the US do to antagonize the Japanese Government?

3. In February, 1941 explain what plan the President proposed.

c) Scroll down to **Japanese Codes**. For each code explain which Japanese branch utilized it & what information the US government learned from it.

“Purple”-

“JN-25”-

“Magic”-

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d) Scroll down to **Warnings** of the Pearl Harbor Attack. Explain the U.S. intelligence blunders that occurred during the corresponding time period.

January and March 1941-

Summer 1941-

October 1941-

November 1941- (Choose any 3)

December 1941- (Choose 3 Prior to December 6th)

e) **Information Know in D.C. & Hawaii Prior to December 7th, 1941** Complete X

Date	Information	Washington	Admiral Kimmel	Lt. Gen. Short
Oct. 9	"Bombplot" message			
Nov. 26-28	"Winds" setup message			
Nov. 26	Location of carriers			
Dec. 1	Japanese declaration of war			
Dec. 2-6	Code destruction			
Dec. 4	"Winds execute" message			
Dec. 4	US at war with Japan via ADB			
Dec. 5	British Admiralty Alert			
Dec. 6-7	"14 Part" message			
Dec. 7	"One o'clock" message			

According the the Chart determine what the commanders of Pearl Harbor knew prior to the attack on Pearl Harbor.

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Essential Question: Where do You Stand? Back Door to War Theory

Each question should be answered with a **Minimum of 7 sentences in length**

4) Knowing the outcome of the war do you believe that the **“Good of the Many Outweigh the Good of the Few?”** Are the deaths of 2,475 men and women a small price to paying order to promote democracy and strengthen American interest’s world wide? Would you have allowed the Pearl Harbor attack to occur and even go so far as to provoke an attack by the Japanese knowing that American would be killed on American soil if you were in **FDR’s** shoes?

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5) Historians generally agree that **President Roosevelt** was one of America’s Best Presidents of all time many rank him as high and number one. However, with the release of the classified information has his ranking changed? According to the data do you believe that Pearl Harbor was a Blunder or a Conspiracy? Is there even a remote possibility that FDR could be charged with Treason for crimes against his country? Depending on your answer how does FDR rank among his peers? You decide.

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