



Attack On Pearl Harbour

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Module 7

Here's What We
Will Be Learning
in this
Presentation:



Summary

- ❑ Introduction and casualties of the attack on Pearl Harbour.
- ❑ Timeline of the Cause of Attack.
- ❑ Effects of the Event.
- ❑ Exercises.

Vocabulary

Infamy: the state of being well known for some bad quality or deed.

Embargo: an official ban on trade or other commercial activity with a particular country.

Internment: the state of being confined as a prisoner, especially for political or military reasons.

Beached: hauled up or stranded on a beach.

Belligerent: hostile and aggressive.

Introduction

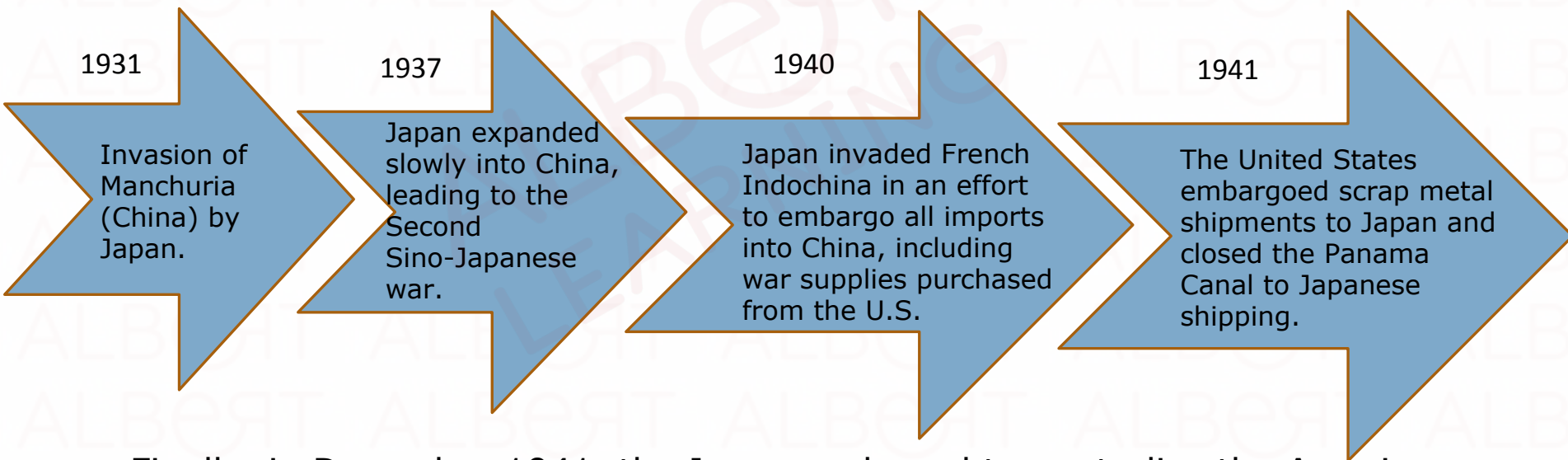
President Franklin Roosevelt (of the U.S.A.) called December 7, 1941, "a date which will live in infamy." On that day, the Imperial Japanese Navy Air Service launched a surprise military strike against the United States naval base at Pearl Harbour, Hawaii Territory. The attack, also known as the Battle of Pearl Harbour, led to the United States' entry into World War II.



U.S. battleship sinking during the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbour, Hawaii, December 7, 1941. National Archives, Washington, D.C.

Timeline of The Cause Of Attack

The attack on Pearl Harbour was a surprise, but Japan and the United States had been edging towards a war for years:



Finally, in December 1941, the Japanese hoped to neutralise the American fleet's ability to project air and sea power in the Pacific Basin for at least six months by bombing Pearl Harbour.

Casualties

The bombing killed more than 2,300 Americans and left more than 1,000 wounded. It destroyed, sunk or beached nearly 20 American ships and more than 300 airplanes, mainly the battleship *U.S.S. Arizona* and capsized the *U.S.S. Oklahoma*. The attack took the country by surprise, especially the ill-prepared Pearl Harbour base.



Effects Of The Event

Some Americans feared that Japanese Americans would assist in an invasion of the mainland. Japanese-American residents and citizens were relocated to nearby Japanese-American internment camps. The United States declared war on Japan. Germany and Italy declared war on the United States.



President Franklin D. Roosevelt signing a declaration of war, plunging the United States into the chaos of World War II.

Exercise

Write a few sentences on:

- 1) What happened on December 7, 1941 at Pearl Harbour? What did it lead to?
- 1) Was Japan justified in bombing Pearl Harbour? Why/why not? (minimum 3 lines).
- 1) What were the casualties and effects post the attack?
- 1) Summarise the sequence of events which occurred after the attack on Pearl Harbour.
- 1) Explain the word 'infamy' in your own words and use it in a sentence.