Why did Japan Attack Pearl Harbor on December 7, 1941?

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Sv1niwxQgoY
Pearl Harbor

- U.S. Naval Base – Hawaii
- Surprise attack by Japan
- 2,403 Americans died and
- 1,178 were wounded.
- Eighteen ships were sunk or run aground, including five battleships.

WHY?
Reasons Japan attacked Pearl Harbor

• Japan needed natural resources
• Feared U.S. interference in Japanese expansion
• Weaken U.S. navy in the Pacific
Reasons for U.S – Japanese conflict

• Stand up to Japanese aggression
• Prevent Japanese expansion in Asia
• Protect American interests (colonies) in Asia
• If Japan hadn’t attacked Pearl Harbor – would these have been good reasons to go to war?
If you were an advisor to the Japanese military – would you have advised an attack on Pearl Harbor?
• https://wwiimaps.homestead.com/world39.html
Roosevelt Speech

• “A Date Which Will Live in Infamy:

• https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xtjnoUZ17zg

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U.S. Entry Into World War II

- **December 7, 1941** – Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor
- **December 8** - United States declared war on Japan
- **December 11** - Germany and Italy declared war on the U.S.