

# Pearl Harbor News Article

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8th Grade Social Studies—due Friday 4/17

**Task:** Your goal for this week is to create an informative news article on the attack of Pearl Harbor. This event, as you learned last week, was the main reason why the United States got directly involved into World War II. Thus far, you have received direct instruction from me, as well as watched a number of videos about the attack. Using that information, you are to:

- Write an informative news article of at least 3 paragraphs on the event. Consider your five “Ws” of journalism when writing (like we used in language arts— who, what, where, when, and why). Note that there are three paragraphs, and three days in our schedule this week. I would space out your work appropriately, but do not wait to complete until the last minute.
- Use the video resources uploaded on my website, as well as your notes from last week, to guide you in this process. I have also uploaded an informational PDF document that summarizes the attack below this PDF on my website. The videos that you can watch are the gray buttons/tabs below the notes on the e-Learning tab of my website. If they are not working on your Chromebook, consider using a personal device, or restart your Chromebook and log back in.
- Look at some students’ examples from previous years. Please note—do not copy them; just use them as a model for formatting your articles. These are going to be labeled “Student Sample” so they are easy to identify.
- Consider watching survivor videos (from the videos provided, or looking some up on your own) and include “eyewitness testimony” in your article. Essentially, pretend you are interviewing a survivor of the attack to provide firsthand knowledge to your audience(s).
- Include images from the attack to enhance the article so readers can understand what happened.

## Rubric/Grading Criteria

- Headline— 1 point
- 3 paragraphs (minimum)— 3 points
- 1 image (minimum)— 1 point
- Spelling and Grammar— 1 point

## 6 points total

- 6 points=100%
- 5 points=93%
- 4 points=85%
- 3 points=77%
- 2 points=70%
- 1 or 0 points=50%