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ReadWorks

Day of Infamy

World War II, which had been raging in Europe since 1939, hit home for many Americans when the Japanese launched a sneak attack on Pearl Harbor on Dec. 7, 1941.

Richard Hansing joined the U.S. Navy in 1939, when he was 19 years old. Richard always knew he would enlist in the Navy. His grandfather, who had fought in the Civil War, had joined when he was 16.

Richard served with the Pacific Fleet based in Pearl Harbor, Hawaii. He served on the battleship USS *Nevada*. Richard's job was to "jump the burners," which meant that he had to heat the oil before it could be used in the ship's engine.

Richard was stationed on the *Nevada* when the Japanese attacked Pearl Harbor on Dec. 7, 1941. When the bombs started falling just before 8 a.m., Richard was below decks on the *Nevada*.

A group of Japanese planes had orders to bomb the *Nevada*, which was docked at the northern end of Battleship Row, east of Ford Island. The *Nevada* was docked near the USS *Arizona*, which was heavily damaged in the attack.

Japanese bombers tried to hit the *Nevada* but had a hard time seeing the ship because of all the smoke coming from the sinking *Arizona*. The Japanese launched 21 bombs, eight of which hit the *Nevada*. The remaining 13 went into the water. A torpedo also hit the *Nevada*, opening a large hole in the ship's *port*, or left, side. The *Nevada's* crew fought many fires. Although the ship was badly damaged, it managed to steam down the channel toward the open sea. The slow-moving *Nevada* was an attractive target for the Japanese planes.

The planes dropped bombs on the moving battleship, hoping to sink it in the channel to block the entrance to Pearl Harbor. The commander of the *Nevada* beached the ship at Hospital Point, keeping the channel clear.

Although he was never injured in the war, Richard said Pearl Harbor was the worst day of the conflict. Of the *Nevada's* crew of about 1,500 men, 50 were killed. Richard's friend Glen Shape was killed.

On Nov. 30, 1942, at 11:25 p.m., two enemy torpedoes hit Richard's new ship, the USS *Northampton*. The crew abandoned the sinking ship on December 1 at 3 a.m. The water was smooth and warm. There were no sharks in the area. He was in the water for about one and a half hours. Eleven hundred men were picked up and taken back to Pearl Harbor. Once there, Richard came home on the USS *Bernet*.

Write your answers to the following questions on notebook paper.

1. What is this passage mainly about?
2. Based on the passage, were the Japanese able to see the U.S.S. *Nevada* clearly when they were attacking? Why or why not?
3. If two people agree on everything, will they have conflicts? Why or why not?

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Example 1

$\frac{3}{4}$ gallon of batter is poured equally into 2 bowls. How many gallons of batter are in each bowl?

Example 2

$\frac{3}{4}$ pan of lasagna is shared equally by 6 friends. What fraction of the pan will each friend get?

Example 3

A rope of length $\frac{2}{5}$ m is cut into 4 equal cords. What is the length of each cord?