

Harbor Headlines Answer Key

Sample Responses:

1. *Accurate* - Reports the event clearly and factually.
2. *Biased* - Uses loaded words like "cowardly" that show judgment.
3. *Accurate* - Provides factual cause and effect without exaggeration.
4. *Emotional* - Appeals to patriotism and sympathy.
5. *Accurate* - States facts but with some emotional undertone ("many dead and injured").
6. *Emotional* - Focuses on feelings of shame and courage rather than pure facts.

Teacher's Guide:

- **Purpose:** Build media literacy and critical thinking by distinguishing tone and bias in historical reporting.
- **Differentiation Tips:**
 - For Grades 5-6: Review the meanings of *accurate*, *biased*, and *emotional* before starting.
 - For Grades 7-8: Ask students to rewrite one biased or emotional headline into a neutral version.
- **Engagement Idea:** Have students create a "news wall" by posting their rewritten headlines alongside 1941 newspaper reproductions.
- **Extension Activities:**
 - Compare Pearl Harbor headlines with modern-day breaking news coverage to explore differences in tone and style.
 - Encourage discussion about why emotional headlines can both inform and influence readers.
 - Have students write a brief paragraph on why accuracy in journalism is especially vital during national crises.