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Turning Point Impact

Directions: Write a short essay (one to two paragraphs) explaining how the attack on Pearl Harbor changed the course of U.S. history and its role in World War II. Use strong topic sentences, supporting details, and a concluding thought that reflects on the importance of this event.

On the morning of **December 7, 1941**, the United States experienced a shocking attack that altered the path of world history. The surprise assault on Pearl Harbor not only damaged naval ships and aircraft but also shook a nation that had largely stayed out of the growing global conflict. Within twenty-four hours, the U.S. declared war on Japan, joining World War II and marking a major turning point in international affairs.

In your essay, respond thoughtfully to the following prompts:

1. What was the U.S. position before the attack, and how did that change afterward?
2. How did the attack influence the American people and government?
3. What were some short-term and long-term effects of U.S. involvement in the war?
4. Why is Pearl Harbor remembered as a "day that changed history"?
